Ombudsman files plunder case vs Dichaves

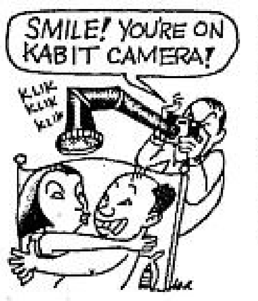
STORY ON PAGE A2

e-mail: feedback@inquirer.com.ph
website: www.inq7.net

PHILIPPINE DAILY
INQUIRER
BALANCED NEWS, FEARLESS VIEWS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2001 ★ 54 PAGES 6 SECTIONS VOL.16 NO. 286 ₱15

Spying on cheats is good business


SMILE! YOU'RE ON KABIT CAMERA!
KLIK KLIK KLIK

HONG KONG—The tools of his trade may smack of Agent 007—spy cameras and phone tapping devices—but David Cheung uses the gadgetry to help his

SPYING/ A13

IN *Saturday*SPECIAL

- ▨ Leelee Sobieski times three
- ▨ Diether Ocampo not your typical boy next door
- ▨ 'Rent' is back in Manila
- ▨ The Corrs to perform in Manila

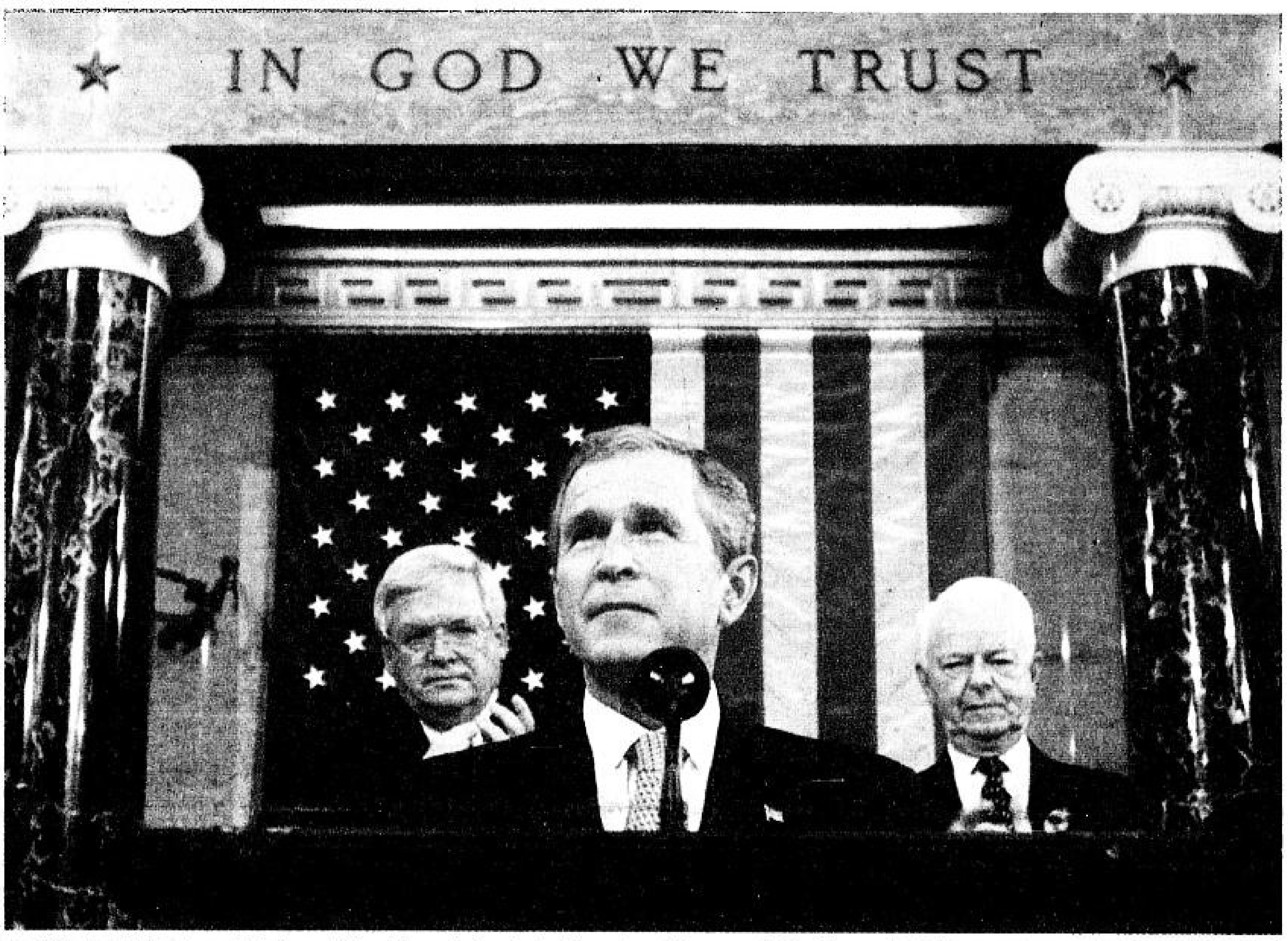
SOBIESKI

'The hour is coming...'

Bush delivers ultimatum, calls US military to alert

How war 'unlike any other'will be fought and won, according to Bush:

- ▨ Not just instant retaliation and isolated strikes;
- ▨ Not just one battle but a lengthy campaign at the political, economic and military fronts;
- ▨ Terrorists to be starved of funding;
- ▨ Terrorists to be turned against each other;
- ▨ Blend of dramatic strikes for the world to see on TV and secret operations to remain secret even in success;
- ▨ To be hunted down until they are left with no place to rest and seek refuge.



THE SPEECH that defines the presidency of George W. Bush, say historians of his address before the joint session of Congress in Washington DC Friday morning (Manila time) interrupted 30 times by rousing applause and standing ovations. In it, he thanks, on behalf of the American people, "the world for its outpouring of support." AFP

WASHINGTON—In a landmark speech robustly applauded by a united US Congress, US President George W. Bush on Thursday warned that the hour of military action was nigh and delivered a global ultimatum: "Either you are with us, or you are with the terrorists."

"From this day forward," he said, "any nation that continues to harbor or support terrorism will be regarded by the United States as a hostile regime."

Bush also demanded that Afghanistan's ruling Taliban turn over Osama bin Laden or share his fate, while assuring an anxious, sorrowful and angry America that "justice will be done."

"Freedom and fear are at war," he declared, addressing a worldwide audience of television viewers and asking all nations to join a protracted US campaign against terrorism.

"We are a country awakened to danger and called to defend freedom," he told the newly unified ranks of Republican and Democratic lawmakers. "Our grief has turned to anger, and anger to resolution. Whether we bring our enemies to justice, or bring justice to our enemies, justice will be done."

And the president delivered a blunt public message to US air, ground and sea forces massing within striking distance of Afghanistan: "Be ready. I have called the armed forces to alert, and there is a reason. The hour is coming when America will act."

Bush was frequently interrupted by bipartisan applause and standing ovations—30 throughout the 34-minute speech, according to the Washington Post—from the assembled lawmakers, New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani, Gov. George Pataki and visiting British Prime

THE HOUR/ A4

Unfazed, Taliban won't surrender Bin Laden

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan—Afghanistan's Taliban rulers refused Friday to hand over alleged terrorist mastermind Osama bin Laden and warned that US attempts to apprehend him by force could plunge the whole region into crisis.

The refusal by the hardline Afghan leadership, which has sheltered Bin Laden for the last five years, was announced by the Taliban ambassador to Pakistan, Abdul Salam Zaeef.

Zaeef also called for restraint from the United States and warned of a jihad, or holy war, if there was an American attack on Afghanistan.

He spoke after President George W. Bush warned Afghanistan must hand over Bin Laden and his lieutenants "or they will share their fate."

However, there was no sign that Bush's warning was enough to convince Afghanistan's rulers to move against Bin Laden, the prime suspect in the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks in New York and Washington.

"Our position on this is that if America has proof, we are ready for the trial of Osama bin Laden in light of the evidence," Zaeef said, speaking in his native Pashto language through a Taliban interpreter.

Asked if the Taliban were ready to hand Bin Laden over, he snapped "No" but his translator said, "No, not without evidence."

The envoy also said he had no information on Bin. Laden's cur-

UNFAZED/ A4

Peace be with you!

THE MESSAGE is clear at the US Embassy from the Filipino Muslim community. ERIK ARAZAS

Osama, Khalifa and Abu Sayyaf

BY ARLYN DELA CRUZ
Contributor

A FEMALE resident of Tabuk in Isabela, Basilan, remembers him well.

"He helped us put up our *Madrasa* (Islamic) school and our mosque," she said of the "man in white" who came to their community sometime in 1990 and soon became a regular visitor. The man was Mohammad Jamal Khalifa, brother-in-law of suspected international terrorist Osama bin Laden.

During his visits to Tabuk, the woman said, Khalifa stayed in the house of Abu Sayyaf founding leader Ustadz Abdurajak Janjalani or that of Ustadz Hussein Manatad, a relative of the Janjalanis.

At that time, Janjalani had supposedly just arrived from a 4-year scholarship in Libya where he received the highest honor ever achieved by a Filipino Muslim.

After Libya, he was believed to have made a side trip to Afghanistan where his ties with Bin Laden supposedly started.

It is said that Tabuk was not the only place with which Khalifa was able to establish strong ties.

He supposedly helped put up a number of groups such as the International Islamic Research Organization, which was formed ostensibly to channel funds to local Muslim communities mainly for the establishment of local *Madrasa* schools.

Khalifa was also a benefactor of the Al-Macdum University in Zamboanga, according to residents.

They said it was there that he met a Samal-Tausug scholar, Abdul Asmad, who would later play a significant role in the formation of the Abu Sayyaf or the Al-Harakatul Al Islamiya (Islamic Movement).

By 1992 the Abu Sayyaf had built a camp in the mountains of Upper Kapayawan, just a few kilometers away from the last military checkpoint in Isabela proper.

The camp was named Al-Madinah (or "gateway to heaven").

A son of a former key leader of the Abu Sayyaf, now in his 20s, recalled that as a child he watched

OSAMA/ A4

THE MAN in white: Mohammad Jamal Khalifa.

Foreign allies, US solons rally behind Bush

WASHINGTON—US lawmakers hailed President George W. Bush's address to the nation as the "defining moment" of his presidency while US allies renewed their vows to do what they can to help win the war against terrorism.

The most visible show of support came from British Prime Minister Tony Blair, who met with Bush for dinner before the speech and was seated in the House gallery next to First Lady Laura Bush.

"This is a struggle that concerns us all, the whole of the democratic and civilized and free world," Blair said after the dinner. "I give you, on behalf of our country, our solidarity, our sympathy and support."

In Manila, President Macapagal-Arroyo reite-

FOREIGN/ A3

Missing figure soars to 6,333

NEW YORK—The number of missing in the terrorist attack on the World Trade Center, pegged at 5,422 for several days, soared Thursday to 6,333.

Mayor Rudolph Giuliani said the sudden jump reflected reports of foreigners feared dead beneath the crumbled World Trade Center. In all, 63 countries are believed to have victims in the rubble.

Giuliani quoted the British consulate as saying that 250 British citizens were missing. Officials at other consulates also provided grim numbers Thursday: Germany, 120-150 missing, four

MISSING/ A13

Probers track down terrorists' money trail

COUNTRIES across the globe are rallying behind US efforts to trace a money trail and choke off the funds behind Osama bin Laden's far-flung terrorist network.

US banks have discovered accounts believed to be connected to last week's hijackings, and American investigators have made more arrests as they try to trace the terrorist attacks back to Bin Laden, their prime suspect.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) has told banking regulators that large and small banks around the United States found accounts held by several of the 21 individuals wanted by the bureau in connection with the hijackings, a banking source told the Associated Press on Thursday.

SunTrust Banks Inc. in Florida was providing the FBI with information about the summer activity on nine checking accounts connected to people believed involved in the attacks, bank spokesperson Barry Koling said.

Since the attacks in New York and Washington on Sept. 11, the United States has asked banking centers from Panama to Luxembourg to Singapore to comb through records looking for any accounts connected to suspected terrorists.

But as investigators try to establish a

PROBERS/ A5

Second FRONT PAGE

KAKUNTSABA DAW NI ERAP!

Erap pal charged with plunder

By Michael Lim Ubac

OMBUDSMAN Aniano Desierto yesterday charged businessman Jaime Dichaves with plunder for allegedly conspiring with jailed ex-president Joseph Estrada in pressuring the Social Security System and the Government Service Insurance System to buy P1.8-billion worth of shares of Belle Resources Corp. in 1999.

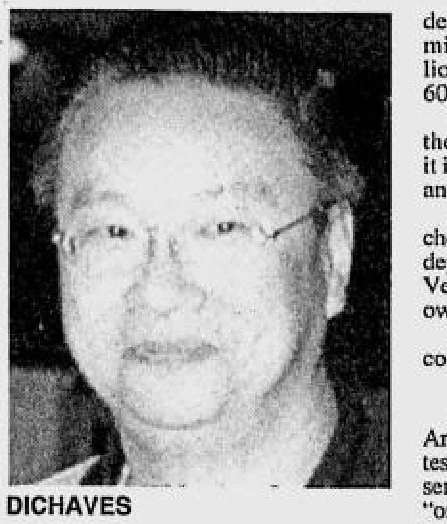
Former SSS chair and president Carlos Arellano, GSIS president and general manager Federico Pascual and Belle Corp. vice chair Willie Ng Ocier were not included in the plunder complaint as they have promised to testify against Estrada and would thus be granted immunity from prosecution.

In indicting Dichaves, Desierto said the ethnic Chinese businessman said to be a close friend of Estrada, had "abetted, conspired with, and prevailed" upon the deposed President to force the GSIS and SSS to invest in Belle.

Desierto claimed Estrada earned P189.7-million as his profit-commission for facilitating the deal.

The amount was deposited into the Jose Velarde account by Dichaves, he added.

Testimony during Estrada's impeachment trial showed that Estrada was the same Jose Velarde who owned a P3.3-billion account at the Equitable-PCI Bank.



DICHAVES

'Jose Velarde'

Dichaves attempted to claim during the trial that he was the owner of the Jose Velarde account.

Overall Deputy Ombudsman Margarito Gervacio told reporters the prosecution would file a motion to substitute Dichaves' name for one of the John Does charged in the Estrada plunder case before the Sandiganbayan's 3rd division.

"The culpability of Dichaves is established by evidence that he indeed delivered to Estrada the profit-commission in the amount of P189.7 million as evidenced by I-Bank check No. 6000159271," Gervacio said.

He said it was Ocier who issued the check to Dichaves who deposited it in his account with the Far East Bank and Trust Co.

"Immediately, Dichaves issued (a check for) exactly the same amount and deposited it on Nov. 9, 1999 in the 'Jose Velarde' account, which is supposedly owned by Estrada," Gervacio said.

Ocier was Dichaves' second cousin, he said.

Belle shares deal

According to Desierto and Gervacio, Arellano, Pascual and Ocier have attested that it was Dichaves who presented the scheme to Estrada who then "ordered and pressured (the SSS and GSIS) into buying the Belle shares."

Estrada has denied that he had pressured Pascual and Arellano or that he earned a commission from the purchase by the two pension funds of about 447,650,000 Belle shares. The SSS bought 329,855,000 shares for P744.6 million while the GSIS purchased 351,878,000 shares worth P1.1 billion.

Estrada said Pascual, Arellano, Ocier and businessman Mark Jimenez were lying when they testified that he received the commission on Nov. 3, 1999.

The plunder case stemmed from a complaint lodged by three lawyers' and anti-crime groups with the Ombudsman's office early this year.

The lawyers' groups—Clear, Clamor and Ouster—were represented by lawyers Leonard de Vera, Romeo T. Capulong and Dennis B. Funa.

The other complainants were the Volunteer Against Crime and Corruption led by Dante Jimenez and the Citizen's Battle Against Corruption led by Jesus Martinez.

Aside from plunder, the complainants also filed bribery, corruption and violation of the Code of Conduct and Ethical Standards for Public Officials against the accused.

Named as respondents were Estrada, several of his alleged cronies and some of the country's top businessmen.

They were "plastics king" William Gatchalian, Jaime Dichaves, Abby Dichaves, Mark Jimenez, Manny Pangilinan, George Go, Dante Tan, Lucio Co, Kevin/Kelvin Garcia, lawyer Fernando Chua, Antonio Evangelista, Ramon Lee, Yang Chong Mu, Susie Ting, Jose Victor Ejercito, among others.

Gervacio said the businessmen appeared "to have contributed to the Velarde account."

But they cannot be indicted yet as the Ombudsman's office is waiting for the results of a fact-finding investigation, Gervacio said.

The Ombudsman's office has also cleared other SSS and GSIS officials who were earlier linked to the scandal.

The complaint was based solely on the contents of the so-called second envelope submitted to the Senate impeachment court on Jan. 12, 2000 whose contents were not divulged after 11 pro-Estrada senators voted against its opening.

Fateful envelope

The envelope was opened only after the Senate turned it over to Desierto on Feb. 14.

The complainants claimed that the second envelope as well as the testimony of Clarissa Ocampo, Equitable-PCI Bank senior vice president and trust officer, "proved, beyond the penumbra of any doubt that respondent Estrada and Jose Velarde, owner of the 'Jose Velarde' accounts, are one and the same."

They said Estrada and the other respondents should be prosecuted for plunder, among other charges, for allegedly "taking undue advantage of their position, connection and influence to unjustly enrich themselves with ill-gotten wealth."

They said the other respondents "infused, contributed and deposited" money to the Velarde account "by reason of Estrada's public's office, as well as for the latter's greed to accumulate wealth."

The lawyers' groups said Estrada's business cronies and close associates made several deposits into the Jose Velarde account within a span of 15 months.

Documents from the second envelope showed that the Jose Velarde account consisted of a "mother account" covered by Savings Account No. 0160-62501-5, a current account (No. 0110-25499-9) and a trust account, among others.

Not declared

The complainants pointed out that the amounts were not reflected in Estrada's 1999 Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

"The great disparity between his declared lawful income and the amounts accumulated by Estrada through the 'Jose Velarde' account alone establishes the fact that said amounts reaching about P3.3 billion, are all ill-gotten and in violation of the law," the complaint said.

Indeed, they claimed, even if no specific criminal purpose is sought or shown as the consideration for giving the money, "it is simply the fact of Estrada being then a public officer which suffices to be the reason for the bribe, for which reason indirect bribery is committed."

They said Estrada had amassed P3.3 billion during one-and-a-half years in office from contributions, gifts, commissions and deposits made by businessmen-friends and cronies.

They said it was interesting to note that the Velarde account was closed on Nov. 13, 2000, at the height of the *jueteng* illegal gambling pay-offs scandal and on the same day that Estrada was impeached by the House.

'Sen. Lorenzo Tañada Avenue'

By Volt Contreras

RENAME city streets and landmarks again?

This time, lawmakers—who tended to be the target of warranted criticism for changing street names even for the most undeserving of honorees—might just get the public's thanks for filing measures to rename certain streets, buildings and public places.

The party-list group Bayan Muna said it is set to file bills changing the names of streets, buildings and public places named for the late dictator Ferdinand Marcos and members of his family.

Bayan Muna Rep. Satur Ocampo said he would file a bill when Congress resumes on Monday renaming Don Mariano Marcos Avenue in Quezon City "Sen. Lorenzo Tañada Avenue" after the late nationalist, human rights lawyer, street parliamentarian and staunch Marcos foe who died in 1992.

Ocampo revealed his plan yesterday as his group and other militant organizations marked the 29th anniversary of Marcos' declaration of martial law in 1972.

Ocampo, who as a leftist leader was jailed and tortured during martial law, pointed out that the avenue, named by Marcos for his father, leads "ironically" to the Batasan Complex which houses the House of Representatives that Marcos padlocked during his regime.

Ocampo said that Tañada, aside from having actually been a Quezon City resident, is "the role model we should set up for our youth, whose name we should enshrine on our streets."

"It is the supreme irony that the road leading to Congress is named after a man who made his mark on history by siring the tyrant who imposed martial law, closed down Congress, threw his rivals in jail and enthroned himself president for life," Ocampo said.

He said society would be "perpetuating a tragic historical mistake" if the name Marcos was retained on the avenue "just because it was former President Marcos who ordered (its) construction."

He urged his colleagues in the House to follow Bayan Muna's lead and file similar bills renaming streets and buildings in their districts that carry the Marcos name.

FRIENDS, relatives and human rights advocates remember the victims of martial law by lighting candles at the foot of the Chino Roces bridge near Malacañang.
JOAN BONDOC

Ver mistress planning to flee RP, says PCGG

By Blanche S. Rivera

THE MISTRESS of former Marcos top aide Gen. Fabian Ver is reportedly planning to flee the country as the Presidential Commission on Good Government closes in on her alleged money-laundering activities.

PCGG Commissioner Ruben Carranza Jr. said the agency has received reports that Edna Camcam, a defendant in a civil case against the Ver and Marcos estates, was preparing to leave the country to avoid facing charges.

And the worst thing about it is that the PCGG cannot stop her, Carranza said.

He blamed Ombudsman Aniano Desierto, who has filed a motion to withdraw the criminal case against Camcam, the Marcos estate, the Ver family, Arturo Pacificador and 14 others for alleged lack of evidence.

The motion is pending before the Sandiganbayan and threatens to invalidate the only viable ground for barring Camcam from fleeing, possibly to the United States where she lived in exile with Ver for many years.

"Because of the criminal case, it is Desierto who has to get a hold departure order," Carranza said in an interview.

"But it's also Desierto who filed the motion to withdraw, so he will be inconsistent if he asks . . . for Camcam to be held," he added.

Carranza said the PCGG has no personality in the criminal cases against the Marcos family and their cronies because litigation of the criminal cases has been delegated to the Special Prosecutor's Office under the Ombudsman.

The PCGG said Desierto has been dismissing or withdrawing criminal cases that have already been filed against the Marcoses and their associates.

Desierto has cited lack of evidence as grounds for his "questionable" motions, Carranza said.

But the very same evidence has been presented by the PCGG in the civil cases against the Marcoses and their associates.

The PCGG said it has received a report from the German police saying Camcam has "laundered" at least $500,000 from her Hong Kong accounts in Hong Kong to Germany early this year.

'DIRTY MONEY' BILL

2 senators buck pressure

By Christine Avendaño

TWO opposition senators are adamant that they will not be rushed into enacting a money-laundering law just because an international task force tells them to do so.

This threatens to undermine the government's plan to have such a law in place by the Sept. 30 deadline after which it is feared that economic sanctions would be imposed on the country by industrialized countries.

Senate Minority Leader Aquilino Pimentel Jr. and Sen. Rodolfo Biazon yesterday said the Senate committee report on the anti-money laundering bill was "hastily done, under-studied and under-debated."

"I'm in favor of having an anti-money laundering law but not because the FTAF cracks the whip and we start jumping. I don't subscribe to the idea that our legislation should be reviewed by another authority outside the country," Pimentel declared.

The two said they wanted well-crafted legislation that would prevent the country from becoming a haven of dirty money.

They said they were aware of the Sept.30 deadline set by the Financial Action Task Force, the Paris-based body set up by advanced countries to oblige banks and governments to tighten their rules against money laundering.

"I don't know whether we can comply with the Sept.30 deadline, or we ought to comply with that deadline. I would hesitate to allow bureaucrats to dictate to the legislature. We will do what is needed to be done according to our own time frame and not because there (is pressure)," Pimentel told reporters.

"We should not be stampeded into adopting an under-studied and under-debated (measure)" said Biazon.

The Senate starts deliberating on the committee report when Congress resumes its regular session on Monday.

The House is also expected to start its own deliberations, having approved its own committee report last week.

The country is under pressure to pass an anti-money laundering law by Sept. 30 after the FTAF informed Philippine officials that it cannot stop the imposition of counter-measures against the country.

Administration Senators Joker Arroyo and Francis Pangilinan said the other day the Senate committee report needed some improvement as it was hastily written and contained many flaws.

Pimentel said he intends to raise more questions on the report on Monday.

He claimed the executive branch failed to furnish the Congress the pertinent data that would have helped the legislature to fashion a good anti-money laundering law.

He said the executive branch was "keep(ing) them (the lawmakers) in the dark," just as the Marcos regime did to legislators during martial law.

Macapagal given 'blanket authority' by NSC

By Donna Pazzibugan
and Norman Bordadora

PRESIDENT Macapagal-Arroyo has "blanket authority" from the National Security Council and congressional leaders to decide on the United States' request to land troops and refuel fighter jets headed for the Middle East.

This was disclosed yesterday by Vice President and Foreign Secretary Teofisto Guingona Jr. after it was learned that three US fighter jets had refueled at the Benito Ebuen Air Base, formerly Mactan Air Base, in Cebu on Thursday.

Malacañang reportedly approved the request after it was endorsed by the foreign affairs department.

An Air Force spokesperson said, however, that the refueling by the US F-18 Hornets in Cebu was "a normal occurrence" and was not directly connected to the US war preparations.

Col. Horacio Lapinid refueling of US aircraft is allowed under the Visiting Forces Agreement as long as the planes are not armed. He says this happens several times a year.

Lapinid said the multi-role fighter planes came from the Kadena Air Force Base in Japan and were headed for Agana, Guam.

Defense Secretary Angelo Reyes said that the use of the country's bases for refueling of foreign aircraft, particularly from friendly countries, was "common practice."

Guingona said the NSC had given the President blanket power to allow US troops to land, refuel and fly over Philippine airspace."

The President would wield such blanket authority on a "contingency basis."

Ms Macapagal said she would outline her government's anti-terrorism plans in a few days.

Speaking at a press conference a few hours after a speech by US President George Bush, Ms Macapagal said: "I support his actions, but I will be making a major statement on terrorism in a few days time."

Asked whether the country would consider sending military support to help the United States, she said: "There are definite discussions about how the Philippines can assist but I don't think I should start giving details."

The NSC gave the President or Executive Secretary Alberto Romulo the authority to cut short the normal process that would require US requests to go through the foreign affairs, national defense and transportation and communication departments.

The NSC, however, did not give the President the authority to deploy Filipino combat troops in aid of the US anti-terrorism campaign.

Such a move, which the government had described as "very unlikely," requires congressional approval.

The NSC meeting was attended by both administration and opposition lawmakers.

RICOH COPIERS
OPEN MONDAY TO SUNDAY
Liquid Type P 12,000 only
AVAILABLE LEASE TO OWN/RENTAL
Powder Type P 16,000 only
KAI GEN. MDSE. Tel.: 716-6110 / 780-0302 / 780-0304
(INFRONT OF PUP ENGINEERING & ARCHITECTURE BLDG.)
GC-1 BLDG 3 GSIS METROHOMES, PUREZA, STA MESA, MANILA
AUTHORIZED DEALERS
Metro Manila: Caloocan 367-6872 • LUZON: Baguio (074) 4436914 or 3042946 • Tarlac (045) 8000409 • Sta Maria (044) 6415166 • Bocaue (044) 692-5377 • Lipa (043) 3122676 • Lucena (042) 7107966 • Daet (054) 7215829 • Naga (472) 0494 • Iriga (054) 6552024 • Legaspi (052) 8203345 • Masbate (056) 3332793 • VISAYAS: Cebu (032) 4123697 • Catbalogan (055) 2512206 • Cabayog (055) 2093322 • Tacloban (053) 325-3441 • Iloilo (033) 3297828 • MINDANAO: Pagadian (062) 214-4551 • Davao (082) 2226824 • Gen. Santos (083) 3020743 • Cagayan de Oro (088) 2313850 • Cotabato (064) 421-6239 • Iligan (063) 2215492

100% NEW & RECON
RICOH COPIERS
P12,000. ONLY LIQUID TYPE SAVIN 780 220 V, 60Hz
P16,000. ONLY POWDER TYPE FT 3320 220 V, 60Hz
P46,500. ONLY BRAND NEW DIGITAL COPIER + PRINTER 9912-A
100% GUARANTEED!
KATUN TONERS & PARTS
FOR USE IN SHARP, CANON, RICOH, MINOLTA, TOSHIBA, SELEX, MITA, GESTETNER, RISO, KONICA, ETC.
Big, Big Savings!
REFILL TONERS FOR ALL RICOH MODELS
COPYTRADE®
Copytrade Bldg. 550 MF Jhocson St. Sampaloc, Manila (Nr. NU)
Tels. 749-8155 to 56 • 781-3472 • 749-8216
Prov'l Outlets: Cabanatuan: 463-3415 • Cebu: 253-2402
WANTED PROVINCIAL DEALERS!

LOURDES SCHOOL OF MANDALUYONG
Shaw Blvd., City of Mandaluyong
Tel. Nos. 631-6310; 631-6307; 631-6356; 632-9547; Fax #631-6310
ANNOUNCES THE OPENING OF ITS KINDERGARTEN, PREPARATORY, GRADES 1,2,3,4,5,6 & 7, H.S.-1st & 2nd YEARS FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2002-2003
Age Requirement: (KINDER ...... 4-4½ YRS. OLD BY JUNE 2002)
(PREP .... 5-5½ YRS. OLD BY JUNE 2002)
(GRADE 1 .... 6-6½ YRS. OLD BY JUNE 2002)
Other requirements:
1. Report Card 1st qtr. grades-Average of 80% and above (for Grs. 2-7 only)
2. Xerox copies of Birth & Baptismal Certificates
3. 1 pc.—I.D. picture (size 1" x 1")
4. Testing Fee—Php.300.00
5. For 1st yr.—Average requirement—85% and above for graduating Gr. 6 students and 80% for graduating Gr. 7 students.
(CLASSROOMS ARE FULLY AIR-CONDITIONED)
NOTE: EARLY ENROLLMENT, DONE BEFORE NOV. 5 WILL BE GIVEN 5% DISCOUNT ON TUITION FEE ALONE, ON A YEARLY SCHEDULE, BASED ON CURRENT RATE.

MARAWI CLASH

Gang leader killed; 35 captured

By Butch D. Enerio
PDI Mindanao Bureau

CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY—The firefight between the military and a suspected criminal syndicate in Marawi City Thursday ended after 13 hours with four of the suspects killed, including their alleged leader Mitomara Sidik, and 35 others captured.

Six civilians, two Army soldiers and a police officer were wounded during the gunbattle that began at 4 a.m. Thursday at a three-story building in Marawi City where the members of the gang were holed up.

The civilians, according to the military, were wounded when the suspects fired their guns indiscriminately during the early hours of the military raid on their hideout.

Recovered from the suspects were a .30-cal. machine gun, an M-60 machine gun, 10 M-16 and M-14 rifles, three M203 grenade launchers and hundreds of rounds of assorted ammunition.

Brig. Gen. Alfonso Dagudag, 4th Infantry Division commander, whose men combined with police to neutralize the criminal syndicate, said "the Marawi incident should be a warning to other criminal groups in the Lanao provinces that the government will not take them lightly."

Early reports had said two of the fatalities were civilians caught in the crossfire when the gang, allegedly composed of former members of the Moro National Liberation Front, fired at the raiding team.

The civilian victims were identified as Asnawi Dimaronsing and Daud Alioden, both residents of Marawi City.

Supt. Omar Pango Ali, spokesperson of the autonomous region police, had told the INQUIRER that some 30 armed men led by Mitomara Sidik, a former MNLF commander, started firing as the raiding team approached the building.

The raid was launched after police received reports that Sidik's men were stockpiling firearms in the three-story building on Quezon Avenue that they had occupied for several days.

The stockpiling of firearms, Ali said, might have been related to destabilization activities allegedly ordered by MNLF chair Nur Misuari in the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao.

The ARMM, of which Misuari is governor, comprises Marawi City, Lanao del Sur, Maguindanao, Basilan, Sulu and Tawi-Tawi.

"This Commander Mitomara claimed he had instructions from Misuari to launch destabilization attacks in the ARMM," Ali said.

However, Randolph Parcasio, a top Misuari aide, said it would be unthinkable for the MNLF to launch such attacks.

"This guy could be one of those who are out to discredit Chairman Misuari," Parcasio said of Sidik.

Col. Santiago Prejido, commander of the 401st Infantry Brigade, maintained "these are lawless elements and plain criminals."

Palace wants Dick Romulo as graftbuster

MALACAÑANG wants businessman Ricardo "Dick" Romulo to be its next graft buster after Eufemio Domingo resigned as chair of the Presidential Commission Against Graft and Corruption.

Romulo is chair of the Makati Business Club, one of the groups that helped bring down former president Joseph Estrada, thus paving the way for then Vice President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo to assume the presidency.

"I'm sorry he's (Domingo) quitting, so we're looking for a good replacement with a good reputation . . . ," Ms Macapagal said during her press conference yesterday.

"I'm asking Dick Romulo if he is available," she added.

Romulo, a lawyer, is former chair of Equitable-PCI Bank, a post he assumed during the impeachment trial of Estrada late last year.

Martin P. Marfil

Talks up to free US hostages in Basilan

ZAMBOANGA CITY—Negotiations have begun for the release of an American couple being held by Muslim extremists in the southern Philippines, a radio station reported yesterday.

The family of Martin and Gracia Burnham of Wichita, Kansas, has appointed a Filipino negotiator "close to the family," the Radio Mindanao Network said without identifying its source.

RMN often receives calls from Abu Sabaya, a leader of the Abu Sayyaf group, which abducted the Burnhams—along with Guillermo Sobero, of Corona, California, and 17 Filipinos—from the Dos Palmas island resort in Palawan on May 27.

The report, which did not specify if ransom was involved, said that if the negotiations succeed, the couple could be released in Indonesia or Malaysia. The report also did not say when the negotiations started.

No other details were reported.

On Thursday, military Chief of Staff Gen. Diomedio Villanueva said hundreds of troops were deployed to intensify an offensive against the Abu Sayyaf.

Villanueva said the deployment to Basilan island is part of a strategy to crush the Abu Sayyaf rebels. "We would like to attain a faster operational tempo," Villanueva said.

About 5,000 soldiers were deployed in Basilan, where the Abu Sayyaf took the Dos Palmas hostages.

The Abu Sayyaf, a small but violent Muslim extremist group based in Basilan and nearby Jolo island, reportedly has links with Osama bin Laden, the principal suspect in the last week's terrorist attacks in the United States.

The group rose to international notoriety last year when it abducted 21 Western tourists and Asian workers from a Malaysian resort and brought them to Jolo. All but one were freed, reportedly in exchange for huge ransoms financed by Libya. *AP*

RP bats for anti-terror front at Asean summit

PRESIDENT Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo said Friday she would push for the creation of a regional anti-terrorist front at the annual meeting of Southeast Asian leaders in November.

The Philippines put forward the idea as Washington called for a global war against terrorists suspected to be behind the terror attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon last week.

Vice President Teofisto Guingona Jr., also the Philippines foreign secretary, has "already started to sound out the other two" on setting up a regional anti-terrorism coalition, Ms Macapagal said, referring to Indonesia and Malaysia.

"In the course of sounding out, there was an idea that arose that it might even graduate into a major agenda item in the next Asean summit," Ms Macapagal told a news conference.

Association of Southeast Asian Nations leaders next meet in Brunei on Nov. 5 to 6. The grouping also includes Cambodia, Laos, Burma, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam.

Kuala Lumpur Wednesday said it was awaiting further details on the proposal, noting that nothing official had been transmitted by Manila.

The neighbors face growing rebellions by Muslim separatists believed to be slowly linking up with each other.

The urgency of setting up a coalition was underscored by Malaysian leader Mahathir Mohamad last month when he warned that a Malaysian-based group of Islamic radicals had forged links with Philippine and Indonesian separatists.

Retired general Eduardo Ermita, a security adviser to President Macapagal, has also said that Indonesian authorities have alerted Manila to firearms being smuggled by Filipino rebels to Islamic separatists in Indonesia's Aceh province.

"In all probability" the guns could have been provided by the Abu Sayyaf group, a small group of self-styled Islamic freedom fighters holding hostage 18 US and Filipino hostages in the south, he said. *AFP*

Gov't to resume talks with MILF

THE GOVERNMENT is likely to resume peace talks with the separatist Moro Islamic Liberation Front rebel group in the second week of October, a senior government official said yesterday.

Presidential peace process adviser Eduardo Ermita told a radio program a government team was preparing the agenda for the next round of talks, which will focus on the development of Mindanao.

Many Muslims in the largely Roman Catholic country consider Mindanao their homeland.

Ermita said before the talks both sides had to prepare the mechanics of a ceasefire agreement they signed in Kuala Lumpur on Aug. 7.

The two sides also have to agree on monitoring teams, including observer teams from the Organization of Islamic Conference, to check any violations of the ceasefire, he said.

"All of these should be put in place before we can talk of the agenda of rehabilitation and development," Ermita said. *Reuters*

Foreign allies, US solons rally behind Bush

(From page 1)

rated her administration's full support for America's war against terrorists and announced that she would flesh out this support in a major anti-terrorism policy next week.

Ms Macapagal declined to give a preview of the new policy but said there were "definite discussions about how the Philippines can assist" the US-led international force against the al-Qaida ("The Base") network of Saudi exile Osama bin Laden.

Ms Macapagal's spokesperson Rigoberto Tiglao explained that the President's "major policy statement" would clearly spell out the role the Philippines would play in the various stages of the US-led war.

The policy statement is expected to be issued after the regular Cabinet meeting on Tuesday.

Republicans and Democrats alike said the country and Congress fully backed the president's war on global terrorism in response to last week's terrorist attacks on US soil.

"The President did a magnificent job tonight," said Republican Sen. Chuck Hagel, who like all of his colleagues in the Senate, rose to a standing ovation some 20 times during Bush's 30-minute address late Thursday.

"This was the speech of his presidency," he added.

Republican Sen. Larry Craig concurred. "My guess is that the American public will score him a solid 100 percent," he said. "It is a very defining moment for our country."

Great moment

The British Broadcasting Corp. aired Bush's speech before Congress live, with presenter Gavin Esler praising Bush for "a speech of enormous clarity" and describing the scene as "one of the greatest moments in American history."

TV networks in the United States also praised the speech.

"One of the finest speeches of any modern-day president," said Fox's Sean Hannity. "An eloquent speech," NBC's Tom Brokaw said. "A fierce speech. It sounded fierce, the president looked fierce," ABC's Sam Donaldson said.

New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani, who received a rousing standing ovation when Bush honored him for his leadership in getting his devastated city back on its feet, said later that he felt it was "one of the greatest and most important speeches given to a joint session of Congress."

Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle, a Democrat, was less effusive, but made it clear that members of Congress were solidly behind Bush.

"We want President Bush to know, we want the world to know that he can depend on us," he said in a televised statement shortly after Bush ended his address.

"If I were a terrorist tonight or a leader of a country harboring terrorists, I wouldn't go to sleep tonight feeling comfortable of my security," said Democratic senator and former vice presidential candidate Joe Lieberman.

Bush has called Saudi exile Osama bin Laden the prime suspect in the attacks last week in the United States that have killed more than 6,000 people.

Democratic Sen. John Kerry, however, sounded a note of caution.

"The real hard work now is fleshing out the policy itself… We have to see what the specific strategy is," he told reporters.

Senate Republican Minority Leader Trent Lott said no one in the world should doubt the US resolve to root out terrorism.

Arab-Americans

Even Arab-Americans approved of Bush's words, particularly when he separated Islamic terrorists from other Muslims, calling them "traitors to their faith."

An Egyptian doctor living in Heathrow, Florida, Ashley Ansara, said "we are Americans first," adding that he backed the US government "even if it means military strikes against terrorists in our homeland."

The speech was also broadcast live in Japan, where just a few hours earlier Japanese military ships escorted the US aircraft carrier Kitty Hawk from its base just south of Tokyo.

The carrier was believed to be heading to the Indian Ocean in preparation for a military operation against Afghanistan.

"We determinedly will extend our support for Bush in our maximum capacity," said Tsutomu Himeno, a spokesperson for Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi.

But the attacks have put Tokyo in a delicate position.

Japan's military is tightly constrained by the constitution, under which Japan is banned from all but defensive military actions.

Tokyo was criticized during the Gulf War for not sending troops and Koizumi, who is planning to visit Washington next Tuesday, is trying to avoid such criticism this time.

Not religion

Other countries in Asia also said they would support Washington.

Asked for his reaction to Bush's speech, Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra told reporters Thailand would cooperate with the United States. He said he did not see this as a clash of religions or cultures.

"The fight against terrorism has nothing to do with any nationality or religion in particular," he said. Thailand is a predominantly Buddhist country.

In China, feelings among the public were mixed.

"He lost more than 6,000 citizens, as a president, he should do something," said Vincent Chan, an IT manager in Hong Kong. "I support his actions."

Sales manager Peter To disagreed. "By going to war, he is only telling his people that Americans are very strong people and he will defend their so-called freedom," To said. "But is this a real solution to the underlying problems? I don't think so." *Reports from AP and AFP; Christine Herrera and Armand N. Nocum in Manila; Ayan C. Mellejor and Anthony A. Allada, PDI Mindanao Bureau*

MAMAMAYAN MUNA
HINDI MAMAYA NA!

CMC di Ravenna's record finish of the Casechan Power Project

Armando de Rossi, Asia Regional Director of CMC di Ravenna, leads his global company, the largest construction cooperative in Europe, in undertaking the record completion of the massive ***$640 million Casecnan Multipurpose Power Project*** in Pantabangan, Nueva Ecija. Details of this stunning completion by CMC is featured in a (3) page supplement on pages (*indicate pages here*)

DENGUE PROBLEM? MILLENNIUM ELECTRIC FOGGING
Kills mosquitoes, cockroaches, flies, ants and all kinds of crawling insects.
Paramount Int'l Trading Mon. - Sat. (8:00 am to 5:00pm)
Suite 2602 La Granda Mansion818 S. Padilla St. (formerly Gandara) near Ongpin St., Sta Cruz, Manila
Tel. Nos. 734-2503 to 04 or 733-77-67 / 73

PHILIPPINE BED & FURNITURE MANUFACTURING CORP.
SINCE 1927
A perfect combination of form & function!
Ambassador Bed
The Choice of Five-Star Hotels
HALL OF FAMER AWARDEE by the Consumer Union of the Phils. for MOST OUTSTANDING BED & FURNITURE MANUFACTURER 1988, 1989, 1990, 1999, 2000
NEW MILLENNIUM PRODUCT EXCELLENCE AWARDEE MOST OUTSTANDING BED & FURNITURE MANUFACTURER given by the National Consumer's Council
THREE TIMES (3x) Parangal ng Bayan Awardee for MOST OUTSTANDING BED & FURNITURE MANUFACTURER 1999, 2000, 2001
We're giving away any of the ff: BODY PILLOW, BOLSTER or Canadian Gift Set for every purchase of AMBASSADOR Rest-Zone or Rest Care! from Sept. 7 to 30, 2001!
ORTHOPAEDICALLY DESIGNED SPRINGS
Enhanced Value Ultra-Fresh® Anti-Bacterial Protection
Get a 10% DISCOUNT plus FREE PILLOW in every purchase of MAXWELL BED from Sept. 7 to 30, 2001!
PER DTI-NCR PERMIT # 2054, SERIES OF 2001
Slumber Gallery CHANGING THE WAY YOU SLEEP
WAREHOUSE OUTLET: #78 QUIRINO H-WAY, Q.C. TELS 364-5452 • 330-7036 • 456-7394 to 95 • 456-7397
SM CITY North Edsa, Q.C. 3F, Interior Center Tel. No.: 456-6801
SM SOUTHMALL 2F, Interior Center Tels.: 805-8240 • 800-8425
SM MEGAMALL Interior Section Exhibit Area
ROBINSON'S GALLERIA Park Ave., Basement 1 Tels: 633-7641-90 loc. 274
MC HOME DEPOT MAKATI Tels.: 893-1628 • 893-3070 local 18
MC HOME DEPOT Ortigas Stall 2-D Tel. No. 637-3618

San Cristobal Garden Homes
Calamba, Laguna
Initial Down Payment P5,000
Available thru PAG-IBIG & SSS
A project of Omni Asia Property Ventures
TEL: (049) 245-5352 / 0917-9198419 / 0917-4110997 / 0919-5862546 / 0919-8192600 / 813-8382 Loc. 510
WELCOME Agents/Brokers

Welcome to THE BOLD LOOK OF KOHLER.
KOHLER PACKAGE SALE!
GET A LAVATORY PEDESTAL & WATERCLOSET
AS LOW AS P.18,000.00 ONLY
MISTY Vanity Mirror Cabinet
* Compact design
* Adjustable shelf
* Versatile left/right door swing
* Perfect for first aid kit and Personal accessories
NJR Home Improvement Center, Inc.
753 Gandara St., Binondo Manila
Tel nos: 7331356, 7343275

CUT AND SAVE
Simply saying that we're lowering all our prices at half the price!
50% to 70% SAVINGS on great selections
September 15 to 30, 2001
New Arrivals at Affordable Price!
SMART IMPORTED FURNITURE 1619 G. Araneta Ave. cor. Sgt. Rivera St., Quezon City Tel. Number: 414-7301 / 330-2502
BEDROOM SHOWCASE
6-SEATER ROSEWOOD DINING TABLE
LIVING ROOM SHOWCASE
DINING ROOM SHOWCASE
WINE CABINET
4-SEATER DINING TABLE
TV RACK
SOFA BED
EXECUTIVE OFFICE TABLE
ROSEWOOD SALA SET
To: Frisco
DEL MONTE AVENUE
ARANETA AVENUE
To: Quezon Ave.
To: Blumentritt
To: A. Bonifacio

Sa tunay ka lang tunay na makakatipid.
Available in 9, 11, 15 & 20 watts
Quality approved
Champion sa tipid!
GE ECONOMIZER
Taon ang bibilangin, hindi buwan.
BIAX™ Electronic 15W
220-240VAC 50/60Hz 147mA
FLE15TBX/SPX64
PC-89557
Economizer
15W
ENERGY Saving
ICC QUALITY MARK

RP is terror 'cell site'

IN OBVIOUS reference to the Abu Sayyaf, the Philippines is identified in a report prepared by the research branch of the US Congress as one of the countries where Osama bin Laden's terror cells are thought to operate.

Other countries in the Congressional Research Service report are Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Bosnia, Britain, Canada, Chechnya, Ecuador, Egypt, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Jordan.

Libya, Lebanon, Kenya, Kosovo, Malaysia, Mauritania, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, Somalia, Sudan, Tunisia, Tajikistan, Tanzania, Uganda, the United States, Uzbekistan, Uruguay, Qatar and Yemen. *AP*

Unfazed, Taliban . . .

(From page A1)

rent whereabouts.

Zaeef said his government was ready if necessary to defend the country against American attack.

"If they want to show their might, we are ready and we will never surrender before might and force," he said. "According to Islam, the blood of anyone who spies for the enemy or sympathizes with it in time of war must be shed."

Zaeef said he was sorry people died in the suicide jet attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon last week, but appealed to the United States not to endanger innocent people in a military retaliation.

Zaeef also called for an investigation by the United Nations, telling reporters Bush's ultimatum poses great danger to Muslims.

"It has angered Muslims of the world and can plunge the whole region into a crisis," Zaeef said. "We are ready to cooperate if we are shown evidence. If American agencies are bent on putting the blame on Bin Laden, then they won't be able to catch the real culprits."

Not binding

Zaeef said a ruling by Afghan clerics recommending that Bin Laden be asked to leave the country of his own accord was not binding on the Taliban.

"There is no compulsion. As you see it is only a suggestion of the ulema (clerics)," he said.

The envoy said Taliban supreme leader Mullah Mohammad Omar was not compelled to act upon the clerics' fatwa, or edict.

"It is advice and it has been delivered to him (Omar)," Zaeef said.

The envoy read out the text of the clerics' edict which asked the Taliban to persuade Bin Laden to leave voluntarily and at a time of his own choosing.

Bush on Thursday dismissed the Afghan scholars' edict and demanded the Taliban hand over Bin Laden and other alleged terrorists or face the consequences of US military action.

Refugees

In the Afghan capital Kabul, however, wary Afghans piled belongings on carts and trucks and left the Afghan capital for fear of US air strikes.

Mohammed Hussein and his family of seven loaded their belongings into a pickup truck and headed south to join relatives in Logar province south of Kabul.

"Out of 20 homes on our street most of the families have left," said Mohammed Hussein as he piled his wife and six children into a pickup truck to join relatives in a province south of Kabul. "Anyone who can is leaving."

On a main road leading north of Kabul, Azizullah pushed a cart piled high with pots and pans, a metal trunk and a few tattered carpets. His two daughters appeared pale and weak from dysentery. His 12-year-old boy, Hamidullah, pushed a smaller cart loaded with some mattresses and pillows.

His wife, he said, remained at home because she was suffering from rheumatism and could not walk.

"I don't know where to go," said Azizullah, who like many Afghans uses only one name. "I've been wandering the city trying to find a safe spot. But I have no money and I don't know what to do.

Our home is near a military base, and I don't want to stay there with my children."

Angry Pakistanis

Near the Afghan border, angry Pakistanis threatened war against Americans.

Jamming the streets of Peshawar, where all markets and stores were closed, the protesters carried a life-size effigy of Bush, and shouted slogans such as "Long live Osama."

"We will fight until the death and destruction of the United States," said one sign. "Crush America and Bush," said another.

One tribal leader, Sabar Abdul Rehman, told the crowd that his area near the Khyber Pass would reduce the price of guns from 8,000 ($124) rupees to 500 ($8). "I invite the Americans to come to our land so you can see for yourselves what will be done to you," he said.

Strikes in Pakistan

In Karachi, police fired tear gas at protesters as Muslim parties launched nationwide strikes Friday to protest Pakistan's support for Washington in its campaign against terrorism.

The demonstrations were called throughout the country after Pakistani President Gen. Pervais Musharraf gave his support to US efforts to arrest Bin Laden and to break up his suspected terrorist network operating from Afghanistan.

Hardline Islamic parties in Pakistan oppose Musharraf's stand, and the outcome of their call for Friday's nationwide strike was to serve as a barometer of public support for Musharraf in the heavily Islamic country of 140 million people.

The Afghan Defense Council, an alliance comprising 35 religious and militant groups, warned Musharraf that his decision would plunge the country into civil war. *Reports from AP and AFP*

'The hour is coming…'

(From page A1)

Minister Tony Blair.

And then, in a vivid display of national unity, the president stepped off the rostrum to embraces from the Democratic opposition leaders of the House and the Senate.

Congressional Democrats passed up the opposition's traditional opportunity to offer a televised response to Bush's speech, determined to make sure "the whole world and all of our citizens know that America speaks tonight with one voice," said House Democratic Leader Dick Gephardt.

Demands

With warplanes and ships on the move toward the Persian Gulf area, Bush said evidence gathered since the worst attack on US soil "all points" to Bin Laden's al-Qaida network.

He warned the Taliban that failure to turn the alleged terrorist and his lieutenants over "immediately" would have dire results.

He also insisted the Islamic militia release foreign nationals, close down terrorist training camps on Afghan soil, and grant US officials access to verify the camps are permanently shuttered.

"These demands are not open to negotiation or discussion. The Taliban must act and act immediately. They will hand over the terrorists, or they will share in their fate," the president said.

"We will rally the world to this cause, by our efforts and by our courage," he vowed. "We will not tire, we will not falter, and we will not fail."

Lengthy

Bush also made it clear that the United States would wage a drawn-out worldwide campaign on political, economic and military fronts—one that goes beyond instant retaliation and isolated strikes.

"We will direct every resource at our command—every means of diplomacy, every tool of intelligence, every instrument of law enforcement, every financial influence, and every necessary weapon of war, to the disruption and defeat of the global terror network," he vowed.

"Americans should not expect one battle, but a lengthy campaign of the likes we have never seen," Bush said.

Clutching the badge of a policeman killed in the attacks, Bush also urged the US public, still reeling from the Sept. 11 terrorist strikes that left some 6,500 dead or missing, to "be calm and resolute, even in the face of a continuing threat."

"I know there are struggles ahead and dangers to face," he said. "But this country will define our times, not be defined by them."

New Cabinet post

Amid hand-wringing about the colossal intelligence failure that allowed terrorists to hijack airliners and crash them into their targets, Bush also announced he was creating a new cabinet-level position—the Office of Homeland Security—to coordinate efforts by dozens of federal and state-level agencies in protecting the nation.

He tapped Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Ridge, once in the running to be Bush's vice president, to head the organization.

After Bush's speech, Ridge, 56, announced his resignation as state governor, effective Oct. 5.

"I'm saddened that this job is even necessary," Ridge said. "But it is necessary, and so I would give it everything I have."

The popular Ridge, a former congressman and Vietnam war combat veteran, first took office as Pennsylvania governor in January 1995.

Giuliani and Pataki received a lengthy cheering, whistling standing ovation when Bush pointed them out during his speech.

Several police and firefighter "heroes" from New York were in the audience, but Vice President Dick Cheney and one other Cabinet member were absent for security reasons.

'Traitors' to Islam

Bush, who has met with nearly a dozen foreign leaders in the past nine days to build an international anti-terrorism coalition, said he was asking for the help of "police forces, intelligence services and banking systems around the world."

Striving to win support from nations with large Muslim populations, Bush emphasized that he was not waging war with Islam itself, and charged that Bin Laden's philosophy "perverts the peaceful teachings of Islam."

"The terrorists' directive commands them to kill Christians and Jews, to kill all Americans, and make no distinctions among military and civilians, including women and children," Bush said.

"The terrorists are traitors to their own faith, trying, in effect, to hijack Islam itself. The enemy of America is not our many Muslim friends; it is not our many Arab friends. Our enemy is a radical network of terrorists and every government that supports them," he said.

Separately, US Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld suggested that the code name for the military response, "Operation Infinite Justice," would likely be jettisoned out of concern for Muslim sensibilities in the United States and abroad.

Unlike any other

Bush's speech marked an occasion unlike any other in recent history. Security, normally high for a presidential address, was tightened considerably, as bomb-sniffing dogs patrolled the Capitol and barricades were erected on the streets outside.

He spoke as American military personnel began moving out from bases around the country, fully aware they could soon be in harm's way.

Experts of presidential rhetoric said just as leaders before him, Bush faced huge pressure to hit the right tone in his address to Congress at 9 p.m. Thursday (9 a.m. Friday in Manila).

The most obvious comparison is with President Franklin Roosevelt's speech to a joint session of Congress on Dec. 8, 1941, one day after Japan attacked Pearl Harbor and propelled America into World War II.

Other comparisons are with Woodrow Wilson's address to the nation before the United States entered World War I, and even speeches by Bush's own father, President George Bush, before and during the Gulf War.

But in contrast to Bush's declared war on global terrorism, the objectives of those war efforts and the countries involved were clear. The current war has no obvious borders and is more difficult to come to grips with.

The truly great US presidential speeches were when leaders declared military action, from Roosevelt's 1941 speech to John F. Kennedy's speech during the Cuban missile crisis, said Kathleen Hall Jamieson of the Annenberg School of Communication at the University of Pennsylvania.

Some presidential historians saw this as a landmark moment for Bush, but others said the entire period should be seen as a "defining time" for the president who should be conscious that every speech could enter the history books as a turning point in his presidency. ***Reports from AFP, AP, Reuters***

Osama, Khalifa and Abu Sayyaf

(From page A1)

the military training conducted inside the camp.

He said everyone in Camp Al-Madinah followed the rules laid down by Janjalani—the women, clad in the attire required by Islam, with only their eyes exposed, stayed in the kitchen most of the time, while the men spent long hours talking and planning.

It is said that in that same year, Khalifa visited the camp at least thrice in the company of Asmad, who had by then been designated the foreign and liaison officer of the Abu Sayyaf.

The two men were said to have made frequent trips in and out of the country.

There was even a time, a source said, that Asmad escorted Khalifa to the office of the late Gen. Job Mayo in Zamboanga and introduced him as an Arab investor.

Khalifa was said to have seen in Asmad the determination, skills and intellectual capability to carry out whatever mission the Arab had in the Philippines.

Rare visits

By late 1993, Khalifa's visits to Southern Philippines had become rare.

Sources said it was Asmad who made the local and foreign trips that Khalifa used to conduct.

The latter part of 1993 and the early part of 1994 was considered a crucial period for the Abu Sayyaf. It was supposedly then that it was to receive the amount of $1 million for use in strengthening its military capability.

Asmad was to have received the amount in behalf of the group.

Sources said that late in December 1993, Asmad, working on the final stages of the fund transfer, met with another key figure in the international terrorist circle: Ramsey Ahmed Yousef.

Yousef was convicted in 1996 of the bombing of the World Trade Center in 1993.

The two were said to have met at the Edsa Shangri-La Hotel along with two other Arab nationals.

That meeting with Yousef was to have been the last stage in the transfer of the $1 million to a personal account.

But in 1994, Asmad was arrested and killed in Zamboanga by members of a police intelligence group.

The killing led to a rift between military and police intelligence teams.

A military intelligence unit who was on the track of the supposed fund transfer wanted Asmad alive. But the police team who made the arrest apparently had no idea who Asmad was and what his links were.

In the official report on the arrest of Asmad, the arresting officer supposedly said that "subject shouted 'Ala Hu Akhbar!' and tried to snatch a gun."

This was supposedly why he was shot pointblank.

The military intelligence unit—which was then on standby at the hotel where Asmad stayed before his arrest—wrote in its post-operation report that the other urban cells of the international terrorists in the Philippines would have been discovered had Asmad not been killed.

Where's the money?

The question now is: Where is the money supposed to have come from Bin Laden?

According to intelligence sources, the money was deposited in a local bank and is intact. The problem is there is no other signatory aside from Asmad, they said.

They also said Asmad was supposed to transfer the money to another conduit.

Because the needed money did not materialize, the Abu Sayyaf resorted to kidnapping for ransom, the sources said.

Khalifa never returned to the Philippines after Asmad's death although he has two Filipino wives—one from Zamboanga and the other from Bulacan.

But even if Khalifa's visits have stopped and Asmad is long dead, the local intelligence community believes that the ties he was able to put up are very much intact.

JULIA ROBERTS BILLY CRYSTAL CATHERINE ZETA-JONES JOHN CUSACK

America's Sweethearts

A comedy about celebrity, family and other forms of insanity.

REVOLUTION STUDIOS PRESENTS A FACE PRODUCTION A ROTH/ARNOLD PRODUCTION STARRING JULIA ROBERTS BILLY CRYSTAL CATHERINE ZETA-JONES JOHN CUSACK "AMERICA'S SWEETHEARTS" HANK AZARIA STANLEY TUCCI CHRISTOPHER WALKEN SETH GREEN MUSIC JAMES NEWTON HOWARD CHARLES NEWIRTH PETER TOLAN BILLY CRYSTAL & PETER TOLAN PRODUCED BY SUSAN ARNOLD DONNA ARKOFF ROTH AND BILLY CRYSTAL DIRECTED BY JOE ROTH

REVOLUTION STUDIOS

sony.com/AmericasSweethearts

COLUMBIA PICTURES and ENTERTAINMENT

105.1 CROSSOVER

present

The Philippine Gala Premiere

of

America's Sweethearts

The red carpet rolls out tonight at 7 pm

at SM Megamall Cinema 1

This affair is strictly by invitation only

The following awards will be given:

New Lux Super Rich Shampoo Stand-out & Shine Girl of the Night

New Close-up Mr. & Ms. Killer Confident Smile of the Night

Athena's Girl of the Night

This glamorous event is brought to you by: STAGEWORKS International Corporation

New Lux Super Rich Shampoo

All new!!! Germ-Killing CLOSE-UP Now with extra active mouthwash

Athena The milk for women High Calcium Milk. Plus More.

Equitable Card

NEW Strepsils Cough Lozenge

MOTOROLA CELLPHONES The edge in mobile communications

penshoppe

Probers track down terrorists' money trail

(From page A1)

money trail, experts say it is particularly hard to track money used to finance terrorism, since the funds are not necessarily from illegal sources.

This differs from traditional money-laundering schemes, which often stem from drug trafficking or other criminal activity.

Some foreign governments have already unveiled new measures to clamp down on illicit transactions.

But the experts say tighter laws and greater scrutiny by banks and regulators will go only so far in cutting off funding to Bin Laden-supported groups, which use legitimate businesses as well as underground financial networks to move around cash.

Previous efforts to cut off Bin Laden—who has a personal fortune estimated by some at $300 million—from his funds have come up short. The United States and the United Nations moved to freeze his assets after the US Embassy bombings in Africa in 1998.

"No assets have been firmly linked to Bin Laden, in the United States or elsewhere, and hence none are frozen at this time," said a report on terrorism by the US Congress' research arm on Sept. 10, a day before the suicide jet attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon.

Drug money

US government experts suspect Bin Laden's group has used illegal drugs and weapons trafficking to enrich itself and Sen. John Kerry, a Democrat and member of the US Senate foreign relations committee, said there are strong indications Bin Laden's al-Qaida network had used fighters as opium smugglers and to protect smugglers.

But much of Bin Laden's wealth is believed to have originated from legitimate sources: businesses ranging from construction to peanut farming, donations from Muslims and a large inheritance from his father, who was a construction magnate.

His organization is sophisticated enough to have a separate unit dedicated solely to handle finances, set up corporate fronts and "run bank accounts in a perfectly normal, non-suspicious manner," said Rowan Bosworth-Davies, an expert in global economic crimes at the Control Risk consultancy in London.

Bin Laden operatives also are believed to use an underground banking system in South Asia and East Africa known as "hawala," or "in trust" in Hindi, India's national language.

Money is deposited with a broker in one place and intended recipients get a code or token that lets them collect the same amount somewhere else, usually from a small merchant belonging to the same clan. The actual cash never leaves the country.

Terrorist cells also are engaging increasingly in lucrative petty crimes such as credit card fraud and identity theft to finance their operations, experts say.

Even when terrorists use regular banks, the amounts involved are probably too small to attract attention in the torrent of global money transactions, said Jermyn Brooks, executive director of the anti-corruption group Transparency International, in Berlin.

"The actual amount of money that you need for individual terrorist actions are probably very, very limited," he said. "You can do an awful lot with $100,000."

Lax enforcement

Enforcement of anti-laundering laws is lax in many Western countries, not just in known money-laundering havens where few rules apply, from tiny islands in the Pacific and Caribbean to Russia and Israel.

European lawmakers are considering extending anti-money laundering rules beyond bankers to lawyers, accountants, real estate agents and even casino operators. They would cover all serious criminal activity, not just drug trafficking, as the current ones do.

But even some major banks "deliberately and willfully" flout existing requirements because they want new business, said Bosworth-Davies.

US financial giants, including Citibank, Bank of America, Bank One, Chase Manhattan, Fleet Boston and Wells Fargo & Co. were criticized in a US Senate investigative report on Feb. 5 for lax behavior in their relationship with foreign banks.

That complicates efforts to get the 19 nations (the Philippines included) and territories cited as money laundering havens by an international task force to toughen their own laws.

A Clinton administration bill would have penalized foreign banks that do not cooperate with laundering investigations. But it was blocked last year by a Republican then heading the Senate banking committee.

German bankers already are criticizing Berlin's new plans to broaden reporting requirements for banks to help identify and block funds used by terrorists.

Dead or alive?

The FBI sent a list of 19 identified hijackers and two other people wanted in connection with the investigation to banking officials Wednesday. The agency also suggested that one of those identified as a hijacker—Khalid Al-Midhar—may still be alive.

Doubts also emerged in the Middle East over the identities of several of the 19 hijackers. Saudi newspapers have reported that some of the men are alive; some were pilots.

In Chicago, Illinois, the FBI arrested a man with the same name as someone with ties to a jailed associate of Bin Laden. The FBI said it was trying to determine if the man in custody was the same person.

The FBI said Nabil Al-Marabh, 34, was arrested Wednesday night at a convenience store in Burbank, near Chicago, and was being questioned.

State records in Massachusetts show Al-Marabh had worked for Boston Cab Co., where an associate of Bin Laden once worked. The associate, Raed Hijazi, is a former Boston cab driver who is now jailed in Jordan on charges that he planned to blow up a hotel filled with Americans and Israelis on New Year's Day 2000.

On his application for a license to drive a cab in Boston, Hijazi listed Al-Marabh as his emergency contact.

Jordanian officials say Hijazi has confessed that he planned terrorist attacks and received bomb-making training in Afghan guerrilla camps run by Bin Laden.

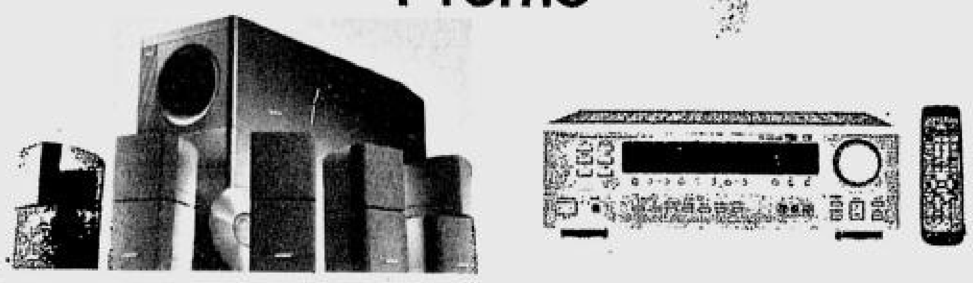
Al-Marabh is among almost 200 people the FBI wants to question, either because they are possible associates of the hijackers or because they are believed to have information about the terrorists or the attacks. Officials would not specify why Al-Marabh was wanted.

In Pennsylvania, at the site of the Sept. 11 crash of United Airlines Flight 93, FBI Director Robert Mueller said the agency is confident it has "several hijackers whose identities were those of the names on the manifest. We have several others who are still in question."

In December, Al-Marabh pleaded guilty to assault and battery with a dangerous weapon—a knife—in Boston, Massachusetts. He stabbed his roommate in the knee during an argument in May 2000.

Reports from AP

The BOSE® DENON
Digital Home Theater Promo



Bose and **Denon**, two of the biggest names in sound combine for their biggest Home Theater System Promo for 2001! Just buy any of the 3 **Bose/Denon** Home Theater System packages to avail yourself of

BIG Discounts! Hurry!

Promo lasts from **September 22 to October 21** only!

Bose AM-5, AM-6 and AM-15

- Cinema-like sound from virtually invisible Acoustimass speaker cube arrays that blends with any home decor.
- Powered or Passive Acoustimass Bass Modules for powerful, deep bass.
- For use with all digital home theater or stereo receivers:

Denon AVR 1602

- 110W x 5 Channels
- Do'by Digital/DTS/Dolby Pro Logic II
- Optical Input/Output

Package 1	Package 2	Package 3
Bose AM5 + Denon 1602	Bose AM6 + Denon 1602	Bose AM15 + Denon 1602
PROMO PRICE 42,000.00 REGULAR PRICE 48,000.00	PROMO PRICE 45,500.00 REGULAR PRICE 52,000.00	PROMO PRICE 74,550.00 REGULAR PRICE 82,000.00

All above prices are for CASH or deferred CARD purchases

BOSE® DENON

BOSE STORES:
SM Megamall: Tel. No. 634-8484 to 85 • SM City North Edsa: Tel. No. 926-80-34 • Robinson's Place Ermita: Tel. No. 536-2668.
Festival Supermall: Tel. No. 850-3638 • SM City Manila: Tel. No. 525-1995

Per DTI NCR Permit no.3166 Series of 2001

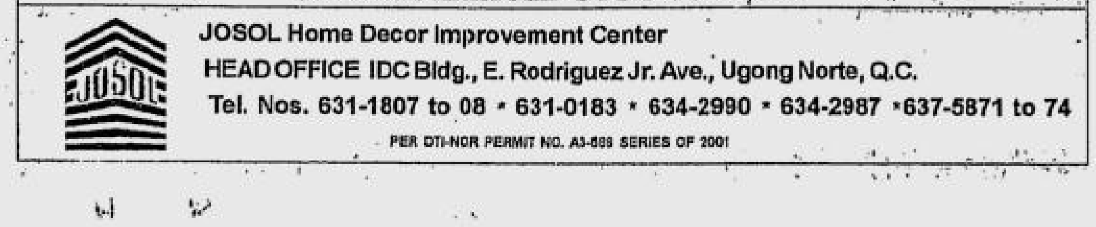
Suite Sensation Sale

Complete your cherished Bath and Powder Room Suite at almost HALF THE PRICE!

Buy premium Kohler fixtures at cost and get big discounts on Damixa faucets, bath accessories and Italian tiles.

IT'S GUARANTEED TO BE A SENSATIONAL SUITE SALE.

up to 50% discount !



Faucets and Accessories 30% off   Italian tiles 40% off

MANY OTHER BATHROOM ITEMS ON SALE.
PROMO PERIOD: SEPTEMBER 21-30, 2001.
HURRY! LIMITED STOCKS ONLY!

JOSOL Home Decor Improvement Center
HEAD OFFICE IDC Bldg., E. Rodriguez Jr. Ave., Ugong Norte, Q.C.
Tel. Nos. 631-1807 to 08 • 631-0183 • 634-2990 • 634-2987 • 637-5871 to 74

PER DTI-NCR PERMIT NO. A3-688 SERIES OF 2001

7 DAYS A WEEK
OPEN
Mon - Fri 9 AM - 6 PM / Sat - Sun 9 AM - 5 PM
SGH-N100
SGH-A100
SAMSUNG

To provide value added service and customer satisfaction, our **SERVICE CENTER** is now open even on Sundays for all your cellfone concerns.

Our highly-trained Technicians are willing to answer your questions, check & repair your cellfone problems.

You may also consult our SALES DEPARTMENT regarding pricing, phone models, orders, pre-paid & post-paid subscriptions, etc.

Pick-up and delivery for phone repairs available from Monday – Friday in the following areas: MANDALUYONG, SAN JUAN, QUEZON CITY, MAKATI and PASIG with P100 charge

First Asia Mobile Inc.

For more information, you may visit us at
1902 Jollibee Plaza, Emerald Avenue, Ortigas Center, Pasig City
or call us at **638-2574**
www.firstasiamobile.com.ph

Authorized service center for:

SAMSUNG
MOBILE PHONES

OPINION

•RECYCLED NEWSPRINT • ENVIRONMENT-FRIENDLY •100% soy ink •

e-mail: feedback@inquirer.com.ph website: http://www.inquirer.net

EUGENIA D. APOSTOL
Founding Chairman

PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER

Vol. 16 No. 286
ISSN 0116-2642

ISAGANI YAMBOT
Publisher

LETTY JIMENEZ-MAGSANOC
Editor in Chief

JOSE MA. D. NOLASCO
Managing Editor

ABELARDO S. ULANDAY
Associate Editor

ARTEMIO T. ENGRACIA JR.
News Editor

NILO B. PAUROM
Assistant News Editor

PERGENTINO B. BANDAYREL JR.
National Editor

GERRY LIRIO
City Editor

JORGE V. ARUTA
Opinion Editor

ROSARIO A. GARCELLANO
Senior Deskperson

AMANDO DORONILA
Editorial Consultant

MARIXI R. PRIETO
Board Chairman

ALEXANDRA PRIETO-ROMUALDEZ
President

RENATO R. REINOSO
Senior Vice President for Sales and Marketing

DAVID O. VALDES
Senior Vice President for Corporate Services

FELIPE R. OLARTE
VP for Advertising

GLORIA P. LARDIZABAL
AVP for Circulation

The PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER, INC. has its business and editorial offices at Chino Roces Avenue (formerly Pasong Tamo) corner Yague and Mascardo Streets, Makati • P.O. Box 2353 Makati Central Post Office, 1263 Makati City, Philippines • Our new telephone numbers are 897-8808 connecting all departments; Editorial Fax 897-4793, 897-4794; Advertising 897-4807; Circulation 527-33-42, 527-33-48, 528-01-83, 528-01-86 and 528-02-13, Fax: 528-02-34.

All rights reserved. Subject to the conditions provided for by law, no article or photograph published by the Philippine Daily Inquirer may be reprinted or reproduced, in whole or in part, without its prior consent.

Premature worries

EDITORIAL

HOW the United States will respond militarily to the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks in New York and Washington remains unclear more than a week later. The administration of President George W. Bush seems to be still engaged in a strategy debate over how best to deploy American military power to hunt down and bring to justice Osama bin Laden, the prime suspect in the attacks, and destroy the transnational network of terrorist organizations like Al Qaida.

The key policy advisers of President Bush are divided over whether to have an expansive military operations with targets, such as bombing Iraq and toppling the regime of Hussein Saddam, or whether to have a more focused attack on suspected terrorist strongholds, such as those in Afghanistan. In tactical terms, military preparations in the United States tend to emphasize not a massive deployment of forces and bombing of Afghanistan, the country sheltering Al Qaida, but the use of special forces in surgical strikes inside Afghanistan.

If the United States has not decided definitely on methods of fighting terrorism, its European allies are less certain on what ways they can fit into the military campaign. They don't know whether they would be asked to contribute combat troops or logistical support. But this uncertainty, which is also shared by the Philippines, has little to do with the broad international condemnation of terrorism and pledges of support for the United States in the campaign against terrorists.

Until the United States has decided on the mode of its military action, neither the European allies nor the Philippines will know what the United States will ask from them. But in this country, a statement by President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo issued on Sept. 12 has kicked up a storm of controversy with some sectors warning the country against sending troops to help the US military action. The Palace statement said, "We will help whatever we can to strengthen the global effort to crush those responsible for this barbaric." The Philippine government offered the country's airfields and ports, including the former US bases at Clark and Subic, as "transshipment area" for the US-led coalition in case of an attack on Afghanistan.

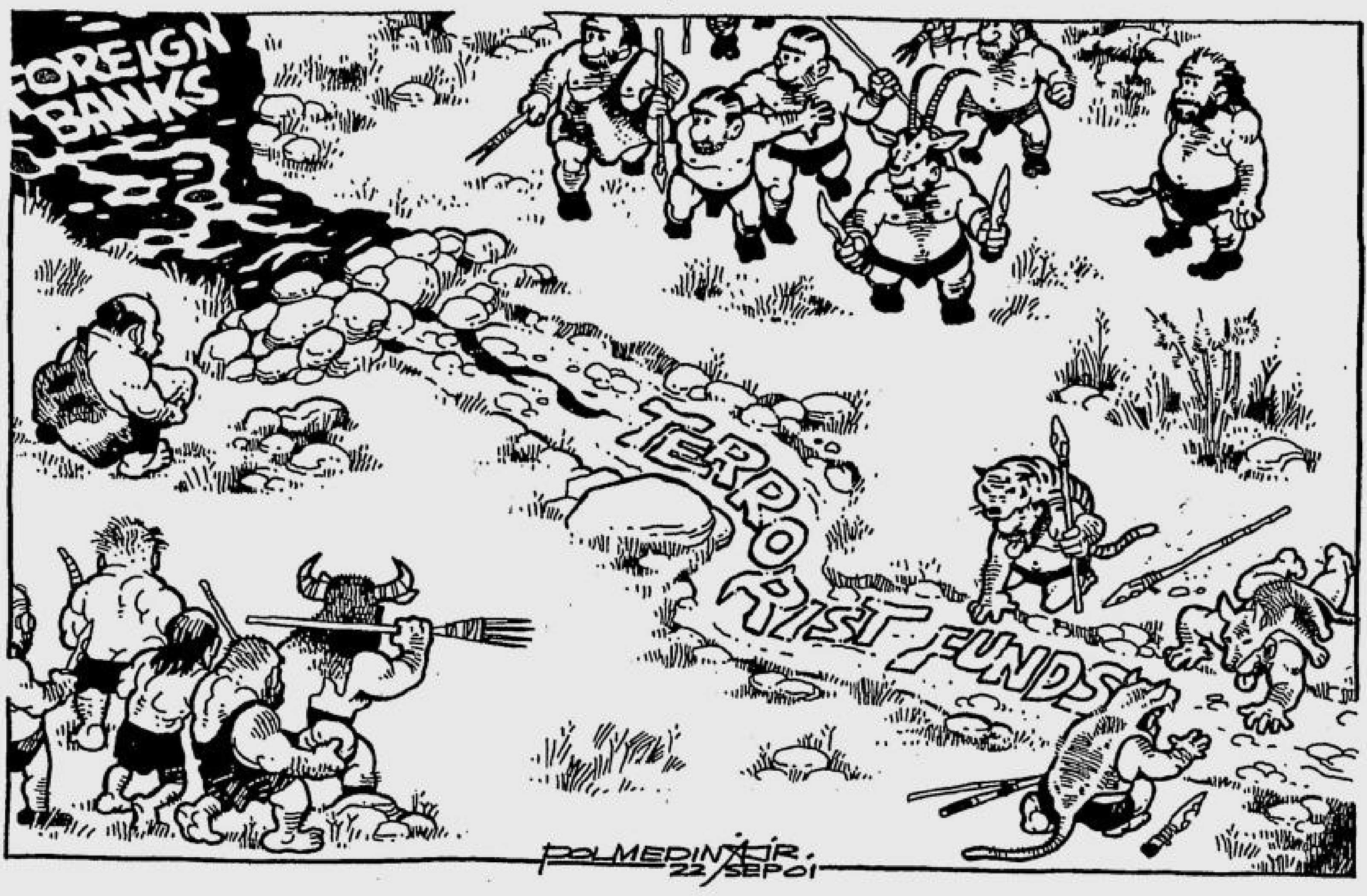
The debate flared even before a request was made by the United States, giving it a surreal character. The debate is premature and is based on hypothetical situations. Consequently, it spawned ridiculous, if not silly, arguments. These puerile arguments include some that said that troop commitment would invite terror attacks in this country, that Filipino troops are ill-equipped to fight in this new form of conflict, that we have to crush the Abu Sayyaf first before sending troops to foreign expeditions, and so on.

All these hypothetical reactions could easily evaporate. Our facilities are too far away from the center of military action to be of any help as platforms for attacks, so they won't be needed unless we can convince the US navy and air force to waste oil and petrol. If we are asked to send troops, they will likely be given the best equipment and weapons, so bad equipment is not a problem. But all this is going too far ahead, for it is most likely that we will not be asked to send troops or to make available some of our facilities.

The only thing that Palace statement accomplished was to put this country on the side of an international coalition to fight terrorism. In realistic terms, the most that would be asked of us is cooperation through intelligence sharing, given that the Abu Sayyaf has links with the Osama bin Laden network. Cooperation with the international coalition will help us fight our homegrown terrorism, at least through intelligence exchange.

If ever the Philippines is to contribute to any international campaign against terrorism, our contribution should be within the framework of United Nations intervention. We have history of being part of US peacekeeping missions. The only time we sent combat troops was during the Korean War and that was under the flag of the UN, albeit the main force was American. We have sent non-combatants on other UN missions, the most recent of which is the Philippine contingent in East Timor.

These involvements were all within our constitutional framework. The national security interests of this country were served by our immediate declaration to help in the global effort to crush terrorism. Terrorism is the new scourge of mankind and spares no one, regardless of race or nationality. We stand to be counted in this campaign. It is foolish to get exercised over hypothetical issues.



The test of credibility

SEPARATE OPINION

Isagani A. Cruz

THE RESUMPTION next week of the Senate investigation of the charges against Sen. Panfilo Lacson will again focus public attention on the testimony of Chief Supt. Reynaldo Acop, which was interrupted by the congressional recess that will end tomorrow. A brief analysis of that testimony is, I believe, in order.

The thousands who watched Chief Superintendent Reynaldo Acop on television on Sept. 5 were appalled by the nefarious activities of the Chinese drug triad in the Philippines. That diabolical group has enmeshed our people, and especially our government, in a web of corruption that threatens to debase our country into another narco-state likes Colombia.

The former NarcGroup head spoke knowledgeably and in detail, identifying the drug lords directing the spread of drug addiction in the Philippines. He described how they smuggle shabu and other prohibited drugs into this country through their own agents or with the help of the "locals" under their pay. He explained their wholesale and even retail marketing operations in Divisoria and other public places under the very nose of our authorities. He pointed to the government offices that facilitate the commission of their crimes and get them off the hook whenever they are discovered.

Acop even presented videotapes of how the triad bosses enforce harsh discipline among their ranks. One grisly movie showed a faceless executioner chopping off the fingers of an offender. The faces of the torturers are not shown, so we do not know if they are Chinese nationals practicing their bestiality in our country. They could be Filipino brutes aping their foreign confederates.

Asked how much longer his testimony would take, Acop said he was only on page 9 of his 21-page report. He was then directed to submit copies to the committee members for their private reading. Although he had revealed enough of the gravity of our drug problem, he requested and was allowed an additional 10 minutes to summarize the rest of his report. He ended with a lengthy recital of the criminal cases against Mary Ong who, he said, was a pathological liar.

Acop was an articulate and sometimes even eloquent witness, committing a minimum of grammatical lapses unlike most of the other witnesses and some senators. But he seemed too glib to be convincing. There were many holes in his testimony that made him look less truthful than Ong.

My first impression of his expert lecture was that the PNP anti-narcotics unit he used to head has not been, and is still not, doing its job. Aware of practically every activity of the Chinese syndicate in the Philippines, our agents have nevertheless miserably failed to suppress it. I'm no policeman and will not second-guess Acop and his men, many of them with years of experience in fighting crime. I should think, however, that with all that information they had on the dread triad, they could have been more successful in curbing its operations.

Acop practically confessed he was unequal to his task. He virtually admitted that the enemy was too strong and often outmaneuvered the NarcGroup except when some small-time pushers were arrested every now and then (although not all of them were convicted). As expected, he indignantly denied Ong's charge that he himself was in cahoots with the syndicate and was receiving a substantial share in its illicit profits.

Like Pontius Pilate, Acop put the blame for the inefficiency of the NarcGroup on several government offices. He specified the Department of Justice, the Bureau of Customs, the BID, the courts and the PNP. He did not name names although he freely did this in identifying the alien drug lords and their underlings. Let us hope he will be as forthcoming in pinpointing the individual culprits in the government agencies he mentioned.

It's hard to believe Acop's protestations that they are doing everything to fight drug addiction when in the very localities adjacent to Camp Crame and Camp Aguinaldo, where the NarcGroup is based, a big percentage of the residents are shabu users. This much has been deplored by the barangay heads themselves. One resident surmised that some policemen steal the shabu being kept in the military camps and deliver it to the pushers in the streets nearby for quick distribution among the waiting buyers.

Confiscated drugs have a way of mysteriously disappearing when in the custody of the courts or the police. They are either recycled for the benefit of the pushers or destroyed for the benefit of the accused. Interestingly, one witness in the hearing that Wednesday related how, while detained at Camp Crame, she was approached by some police officers to sell shabu through one of her contacts outside. The drug apparently came from the camp itself.

Acop's enumeration of the court cases against Ong was intended to destroy her credibility as against his own. Credibility depends mostly on the plausibility and not the source of the testimony. In the United States, some Cosa Nostra mobsters were convicted on the strength of the denunciations of their own henchmen, criminals like themselves who testified as state witnesses. Their testimony, although coming from a polluted source, was accepted as more reliable than the evasions of the accused.

Even assuming that Ong is guilty of those estafa charges against her, this assumption cannot detract from the value of her testimony against Lacson and Acop et al. Her sworn declarations are based on her personal associations with them as supported by her documentary and physical evidence and the corroboration of other witnesses. They cannot be overcome with mere denials. Acop's explanation of the checks he paid to Ong, for example, was far from convincing. Most of his defense needed crutches.

The outcome of the Senate hearings will depend on who as between the contending parties, regardless of their respective backgrounds, are—politics aside—more believable. At this point of the investigations, a few hardliners are still resolutely for Lacson and Acop, but a strong public opinion seems to favor the more persuasive Rosebud.

Innocent woman in jail

GET REAL

Solita Collas-Monsod

CLEANING up the judiciary is a humongous problem by itself. Getting prompt justice—justice delayed is justice denied, after all—is arguably an even bigger, although often related, problem.

There are figures that can tell the story. Data supplied by the Court Management Office (CMO) show that as of end-September 2000, there were 824,532 cases pending in the lower courts (not including those in the 51 Muslim or shariah district courts) all over the Philippines. Thirty percent of these, or 251,328 cases, are being heard, or are awaiting disposition in the 950 regional trial courts in the country.

How many of these cases in the RTCs are civil and how many criminal in nature is information not readily available (although the CMO should know). But no one (except the judges themselves) knows how long these cases have been pending: there doesn't seem to be any data on the "ageing" of these cases.

What is disturbing is that the number of pending cases seems to be ballooning, because the total case inflow in the RTC is greater than the case outflow. Take 1999, for example. The RTCs had an inflow of 176,308 cases, representing those that were either newly filed, revived/reopened, or received from other salas or courts. Over the same period, the case outflow was only 150,193, representing cases decided/resolved, archived, transferred to other salas, or cases with proclamation suspended. Which means that the number of pending cases, which was 225,213 at the beginning of 1999, swelled by another 26,115 cases (to 251, 328).

While the numbers may be boring, the stories behind them are anything but. One riveting tale, with all the qualities of a full-blown nightmare for its main character, is the story of Mila E. Valerio.

Mila has been figuratively rotting in jail for the past 14 months for a crime that, I am thoroughly convinced, she did not commit: the murder of her husband.

Even before she was put away, her son ran away from her, aided by in-laws who, Mila alleges, succeeded in poisoning his mind against her. For the first eight months of her incarceration, she was in Davao, where although she occupied a one-meter by two-meter cell, she could at least see her other child, a daughter, during weekends.

But now, that is no longer possible. She was transferred to the Quezon City Jail from Davao six months ago. Her in-laws are trying to take custody of her daughter as well as the estate of her dead husband.

She does not have much money. Her lawyers—Dario Rama and Evalyn Ursua—are probably working pro bono. They are convinced of her innocence. And they are working as if they were getting paid top peso per hour.

Evalyn tells me that before she consented to take the case, she talked to Mila's colleagues and to Mila herself for two days, because she wouldn't have touched Mila if she was not convinced of her innocence.

And Mila is also rich in friends who also are convinced of her innocence. They take turns visiting her in Cell No. 5 at the QC Jail, which she shares with 36 other women—and that is a story by itself. They take care of her laundry, they bring her food and books.

I did not know Mila when I wrote about her case 14 months ago ("Improbable cause", PDI, 7/15/00). She had been accused of killing, together with her alleged lover and some other accomplices, her husband, Justice Macario "Jun" Valerio of the Office of the Government Corporate Counsel. Jun Valerio was killed while he was at the gate of their house, having just returned from a late night at the office.

Mila is in jail on the basis of the stories of two witnesses. One is the cousin of Mila's alleged lover, Antonio Cabador, and the uncle of still another respondent (Samuel Baran). The other is the neighbor of her alleged lover.

The stories of Modesto Cabador (cousin/uncle) and Ruben Reyes (neighbor) were, to my mind, incredible. They both claimed that Mila, who has a Ph.D in education and put in 20 years of service at the University of the Philippines in guidance and counseling, became the mistress of Antonio Cabador, who barely finished high school, and who was for a while employed as the driver-bodyguard of the Valerios' son.

Modesto would further have us believe that Mila had absolutely no qualms about discussing, in his presence—even though she was meeting him for the first time—her desire to have Antonio kill her husband.

Ruben Reyes, on the other hand, was graphic in his description of the sounds of copulation emanating from his neighbor's (Antonio Cabador's) room, with a woman whom he later identified as Mila. (If memory serves me right, he said he saw Mila walking to her waiting car and driver after the episode.)

The stories of the witnesses are, as one senator would call it, "propesterous." On top of that, Modesto Cabador clearly stated in his affidavit that it was his purpose to help his nephew Samuel Baran.

And yet, on the basis of their testimony, Mila Valerio has been deprived of her liberty for the past 14 months. To top it all, her motion for bail still has not been acted on.

Justice delayed, justice denied. But Mila has what thousands of other detainees may not have: a group of loyal friends and people who think she is worth fighting for. *(To be continued)*

Bush transformed into world leader

POLITICAL TIDBITS

Belinda Olivares-Cunanan

I WAS not an admirer of US President George W. Bush. During the campaign for the US presidency, I thought then US Vice President Al Gore was the better candidate. I also noted that Bush's presidency was off to a lackadaisical start and for months he was groping in a job for which he seemed to be unprepared. Even the European allies of the United States were unimpressed by him, and so were the US media, which were highly critical of his extended summer vacation.

But as is the case with so many leaders in the history of the world, crises transform leaders. Confronted by only the second attack against the United States on native soil in 139 years, Bush rose to the occasion. He became the leader not only of the American people but of the world.

* * *

Yesterday Bush rallied the US Congress which, until 10 days ago, had been locked in bitter partisan wrangling, to his call to arms and it responded in an unprecedented manner by punctuating his every other sentence with a standing ovation and closing ranks behind his challenge to protect America from terrorists.

Bush's message to the world was simple: Any country that is not with us is against us. Even America's traditional non-allies have rallied behind her.

What about this traditional ally? We are still torn by silly debates over whether to send troops, when no one would ever ask us to do so, since we can't even lick the Abu Sayyaf, or allow the US forces to refuel in their former bases here. This columnist was very much against retaining the bases back in 1991, but this is another story. If we cannot see the difference, then we are missing history's moment.

* * *

Earlier I wrote about a new field for investment waiting to be exploited fully by multinationals here: the use of Filipino talents in information and communications technology. Specifically, I refer to corporations that use educated Filipinos speaking English, whose accent is acceptable to Western customers. Filipinos are now being employed for recorded responses to telephone inquiries and messages in call centers, customer relations, etc. For instance, whenever you see a commodity carrying the query on its label, "Are you satisfied with our product? If not, call this number," and you make that call chances are it's a Filipino who will answer, especially if the firm is big with ethnic groups in the United States.

Happily, more and more multinational firms are discovering the big savings they can have by using cheaper Filipino talent based in Manila, rather than Western talent abroad. For instance, America On Line has saved 60 percent by using Filipino talents in technical and billing support.

* * *

At the forum with Japanese and Filipino business executives in Tokyo last week, Trade Secretary Mar Roxas was asked by a Japanese executive if the steady growth of the Philippine population (now between 75 and 78 million) was not a hindrance to economic growth. Earlier Roxas stressed to the Japanese execs that RP's burgeoning population, which is predicted to grow to about 150 million in a few decades, should be an added incentive for investors, as it makes for a big market in itself. Roxas quipped that he was personally contributing to the freeze in the population growth by remaining a bachelor. That drew laughter from the audience, as well as a private ribbing from SBMA Chair Felicito Payumo who pointed out that remaining a bachelor does not necessarily guarantee that one's not contributing to population growth.

* * *

Turning serious, Roxas stressed that the Philippines actually looks at a big population as an advantage since it is a come-on to investors, not only as a market but also as a talent pool. Of course, he said this is assuming that the population does not remain idle and a burden to the government and the country. The way to ensure that the people remain productive, Roxas stressed, is to maintain a good educational system and technical training, and to enhance their agricultural and labor productivity.

* * *

There's a lot to be said, however, about enhancing our capabilities as a people, and nowhere is this better demonstrated than in the field of sports. In the recently concluded Southeast Asian Games in Malaysia, for instance, it was noted that countries with far smaller populations like Malaysia and less-developed countries like Vietnam were beating the Philippines, which has the second-largest population in the region, for the medals (Malaysia, the overall champion, has fewer than 20 million people). From No. 4 the Philippines slipped to No. 5. *Nakakahiya.* Sports has to be de-politicized and turned over to the professionals who have the know-how, patriotism and dedication to make this country shine.

* * *

On the Sunday radio program over dzRH, "Radyo Balintataw," at 9:15 p.m. where I join host Cecile Guidote Alvarez in focusing on private-sector efforts to alleviate poverty, we have discovered many gems of generosity. Last Sunday we featured two volunteer groups that work unselfishly to help the poor who flock to the Philippine General Hospital for treatment. These are the Friends of PGH, a group of about 80 to 100 ladies, founded in 1984 and currently headed by Lita Salvador; and the PGH Auxiliary Board, a group founded in 1990 by Dr. Corazon Estrella which now has 16 members, most of them wives of doctors working in the hospital, now headed by Essem Perez, wife of Dr. Martesio Perez. The two groups often join hands in undertaking various projects for the hospital.

* * *

Guesting on our show were two good friends of mine who are indefatigable civic leaders: Friends of PGH's immediate past president Joan Feir Acot, wife of former Air Force Chief Gen. Nonoy Acot, and the Auxiliary Board's Baby Ledesma-Caparas, wife of the renowned ENT specialist, Dr. Mariano Caparas. They talked about their groups' services to needy patients, ranging from providing services like CT scan and MRI and costly medicines, such as cesium, a radioactive material used in treating cervical cancer, to donating electric fans, beds and wheelchairs. Friends raises funds for its projects through donations and running a thrift shop in PGH, while the Auxiliary Board operates a canteen. The two also spoke about the tremendous strain on PGH's resources being exerted by so many patients, who fill up even the corridors.

It is clear that the country needs more hospitals of PGH's category in other parts of the country. President Macapagal recently spoke about her plan to invest P20 billion for the upgrading of government hospital facilities. There cannot be a keener need at the moment.

A long and bloody war

AT LARGE

Rina Jimenez-David

RUSSIAN veterans of the Afghanistan campaign, some of them missing limbs and still undergoing physical therapy, were one in their assessment of the US military's chances in a possible invasion of Afghanistan.

"If they come in as a massive force they will not be able to make much progress," said one veteran officer. Apparently, Afghanistan's mountainous landscape, marked with deep ravines and nearly impenetrable networks of caves, has entrapped and frustrated invading armies down through history.

Though the United States clearly enjoys the upper hand in terms of arms and equipment, the kind of war they will have to wage against Osama bin Laden and his fighters will not be won by bombings and assaults. As the Russian veterans made clear, if the United States and its allies hope to win on the land, they better be prepared for a long, tenacious battle fought in a harsh and cruel landscape. A landscape, moreover, their adversaries have a much more intimate knowledge of, with enough lead time to lay booby traps that could turn the mountainsides into real killing fields.

* * *

CONGRATULATIONS to all the winners of this year's AIDS Media Awards.

I'm particularly pleased about the competition's results because "XYZone," "the show for women, by women, about women" that I host every Saturday from 12:30-1:30 p.m. over dzAR "Angel Radyo," is the winner of the first and third prizes in the Best News Feature in Radio category.

The first-prize winner was a show we did on "Christmas with People Living with HIV-AIDS." Our guests were Josie dela Cruz, project officer of the AIDS Society of the Philippines, who spoke on her work as a counselor of people living with HIV; and a person living with HIV who had joined her family for the holidays. The third-prize winner was a show on health and socio-legal issues surrounding HIV-AIDS. Much of the credit for these shows should go to the Women's Media Circle, which produces "XYZone," especially Anna Leah Sarabia, president of WMC, and Eric Mactal, who was the production assistant at the time the two winning shows aired. I'd also like to acknowledge the support of the Ford Foundation and of the people behind "Angel Radyo."

The second-prize winner in the radio category was Ma. Fe P. Nicodemus for "Babaeng Migrante may Kakampi Ka!"

* * *

THE OTHER winners in the AIDS Media Awards are: Queena Lee-Chua, who writes a column in this paper's science page, first prize in the Best News Feature in Print category for her four-part series "AIDS in RP." Leo Solinap, writing for a Cebu newspaper, won second prize for "A Day in the Home of Persons Living with HIV," while Eden P. Concepcion won third prize for "Ang Maging Bakla at HIV Positive." "Hawa, Awa, Unawa: Isang Espesyal na Report" by Daphne Tolentino won first prize in the Best News Feature in TV category, while Vicente Rodriguez won second prize for "News Central World AIDS Day Special." Third-prize winner was Rea Z. Tiama for "Ang Bagong Yugto sa Buhay ni Marites."

A special category in this year's awards was the Best Children's Short Story and the winners were: "Ang mga Laruan ni Obet" by Eden P. Concepcion, "Ang Bangkang Papel ni Jhufel" by Nicodemus Melgar, "Cross Stitch Lessons" by Mary Ann M. Tobias, "Ang Pulang Laso ni Andrea" by Michael Frianeza, and "Sabi ng Nanay Ko" by Ofelia Concepcion. The awards rites made up part of yesterday's "Ugnayang Pambansa" hosted by IBC-13 chair Serge Remonde and a project of the OPS-PIA, now headed by Dave Gomez, who used to be one of the better reporters of the Philippine Star when I worked there as a copy editor.

A special guest at yesterday's event was Justin "Obet" Sabrean, who narrated the winning children's short story. An especially gifted child, Justin is only 10 years old but has been accelerated so many times he is now a high school sophomore.

* * *

YESTERDAY, our "Letters" section published an e-mail message from one Joe Ligaya (he turns out to be a resident of Annandale, VA) "deploring" a sentence I was supposed to have used in a recent column.

I was alarmed upon reading it not because I resent any form of criticism from a reader, but because I didn't remember writing that "Islamic nations that have long loathed America for its unilateral actions against recalcitrant Arab countries have praised these attacks." Is my memory fading at such a rate that I no longer remember what I've written in a recent column? I asked myself.

I checked all my columns written since the Sept. 11 tragedy, but still could not find a trace of the sentence in question. I then e-mailed Ligaya asking him for the date of publication of the column that so offended him.

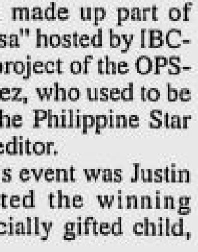
Well, turns out I needn't have worried about the early onset of Alzheimer's. Ligaya was protesting a sentence in the column of another writer, Randy David, whose column appears just below mine on Sundays. The Opinion section e-mailed me Ligaya's original letter, and indeed, he says it was "an open letter to Randy David." Somehow, in the time between choosing Ligaya's letter for publication and placing it in the lay-out, Randy David's name was replaced with mine.

I would gladly take credit for much of what Randy writes, but not this time, sorry.

But while on the subject of errors, I'd like to correct two errors that did appear under my byline in my column of Sept. 13. The piece was entitled "'Just like Pear Harbor'?", and of course, it should read "'Just like Pearl Harbor'?" I wouldn't even have noticed the typo if an alert reader hadn't pointed it out. In the same column, I said we Filipinos would feel the reverberations of the Sept. 11 events as surely as if we were standing on the sidewalks of Upper Manhattan. The World Trade Center can be found in Lower Manhattan. Sorry.

Where the violence comes from

SENSE AND SENSIBILITY



Bambi L. Harper

IN THE PAST week, the world has come face to face with Evil of horrendous magnitude. We Filipinos like to believe we are no innocents when it comes to diabolic intents, but I have thanked God that He has seen fit to send us only thieves and bandits interested in bottom lines and amassing fortunes. We have certainly had our share of ruffians, several villains, a couple of fiends, but I don't believe we have seen malevolence of the magnitude we saw when those planes rammed the twin towers of the World Trade Center. To kill as many innocents as possible for the purpose of inflicting pain like Stalin, Hitler or Pol Pot is unimaginable. Most of our big-time criminals are, as a rule, interested only in obtaining, keeping or recapturing political power.

After the initial bewilderment over that savagery inflicted on fellow human beings, there has been much talk of revenge, retaliation and annihilation of the perpetrators and their allies. But the following words of Rabbi Michael Lerner of Beyt Tikkun Synagogue in San Francisco addressed to his countrymen, has lessons for us as well. We are all guilty of not recognizing "the spirit of God" in each other at some point or another.

* * *

"There is never any justification for acts of terror against innocent civilians—it is the quintessential act of dehumanization and not recognizing the sanctity of others, and a visible symbol of a world increasingly irrational and out of control. It's understandable why many of us, after grieving and consoling the mourners, will feel anger.

"Demagogues will try to direct that anger at various 'target groups' (Muslims are in particular danger, though Yasser Arafat and other Islamic leaders have unequivocally denounced these terrorist acts). The militarists will use this as a moment to call for increased defense spending at the expense of the needy. The right wing may even seek to limit civil liberties, end restraints on spying, and move us toward a militarized society. President Bush will feel pressure to look 'decisive' and take 'strong action'—phrases that can be manipulated toward irrational responses to an irrational attack.

"To counter that potential manipulation of our fear and anger for narrow political ends, a well-meaning media will instead try to narrow our focus solely on the task of finding and punishing the perpetrators.

"These people, of course, should be caught and punished. But in some ways, this exclusive focus allows us to avoid dealing with the underlying issues. When violence becomes so prevalent throughout the planet, it's too easy to simply talk of 'deranged minds.' We need to ask ourselves, 'What is it in the way that we are living, organizing our societies and treating each other that makes violence seem plausible to so many people?'

"We in the spiritual world will see this as a growing global incapacity to recognize the spirit of God in each other—what we call the sanctity of each human being. But even if you reject religious language, you can see that the willingness of people to hurt each other to advance their own interests has become a global problem, and it's only the dramatic level of this particular attack which distinguishes it from the violence and insensitivity to each other that is part of our daily lives.

"We may tell ourselves that the current violence has 'nothing to do' with the way that we've learned to close our ears when told that one out of every three people on this planet does not have enough food, and that one billion are literally starving. We may reassure ourselves that the hoarding of the world's resources by the richest society in world history, and our frantic attempts to accelerate globalization with its attendant inequalities of wealth, has nothing to do with the resentment that others feel toward us.

"We may tell ourselves that the suffering of refugees and the oppressed has nothing to do with us—that that's a different story that is going on somewhere else. But we live in one world, increasingly interconnected with everyone, and the forces that lead people to feel outrage, anger and desperation eventually impact on our own daily lives.

"The same sense of disconnection to the plight of others operates in the minds of many of these terrorists. Raise children in circumstances where no one is there to take care of them, or where they must live by begging or selling their bodies in prostitution, put them in refugee camps and tell them that they have 'no right of return' to their homes, treat them as though they are less valuable and deserving of respect because they are part of some despised national or ethnic group, surround them with a media that extols the rich and makes everyone who is not economically successful and physically trim and conventionally 'beautiful' feel bad about themselves, offer them jobs whose sole goal is to enrich the 'bottom line' of someone else, and teach them that 'looking out for No. 1' is the only thing anyone 'really' cares about and that anyone who believes in love and social justice are merely naive idealists who are destined to always remain powerless, and you will produce a world-wide population of people feeling depressed, angry, and in various ways dysfunctional."

(*To be continued*)

'Balikbayan' boxes

A MONTH ago my *ninang*, who is Mom's youngest sister, and her husband came home from the United States for a visit. That visit was a much awaited event in our family for it had been years since the two of them spent their vacation in this country.

Of course, I must admit, the *pasalubongs* they would be bringing kept flashing in our minds every minute of our waking hours as the countdown for their arrival began. We already had a fairly good idea of what those big *balikbayan* boxes would contain, but that hardly diminished our excitement.

YOUNGBLOOD

Sharon Wendy A. Robas

We want to know what the young are thinking about. What are their thoughts on current issues? We welcome contributions from the twentysomething and below.—**Ed.**

The day finally came and the *balikbayan* boxes were opened. Ah, even the scent of the boxes was sweet to our native noses.

With her customary prescience, my *ninang* had placed name tags on every item to make the distribution easier. She only had to announce the names for whom each item was intended.

Excitement filled the room as we waited for our names to be called. We were like players in a gambling parlor, waiting for the right numbers to be announced and all ready to scream: "BINGO!"

We admired each and every item that was handed to us and then the proud owner would guard it tightly as if to warn everybody else not to touch it. You could not even ask "*Patingin nga*" to the others without feeling from their looks that your better take good care of it and make sure it is returned in good condition. We teased those who got pairs of shoes that they wouldn't fit them, when actually we were dying to try them on. And there were occasional protests, albeit said in jest, that somebody else received a better if not the coolest stuff of all.

Then *Ninang* would remind us that the items we got was exactly what we asked for. It was too late for most of us to realize how serious she was about her "ask-and-you-shall-receive" rule in gift giving.

Ninang followed this up with a little sermon about how too lazy we were too write them letters and how our shy "*kahit na po ano*" replies whenever they called to ask what we wanted would not bring us any good.

In a few minutes each one in the family had a hoard of towels, soap, perfume, shoes and other stuff.

Although *Ninang* kept complaining about the unbearable heat of the night, which was probably raised several degrees by so many of us gathered around her, it was obvious that she was enjoying giving away those presents like Santa Claus. And I know deep in her heart how pleased she was to be able to make everyone happy with all the *pasalubongs* they brought.

I was happy too not only because of the stuff that I got but because the three siblings—Kuya Ones, Mom and *Ninang*—looked so happy together. They were just so happy to see each other again that they chatted until the wee hours of the morning, exchanging stories about their lives in the very same house where they all grew up in. I myself couldn't sleep because every time my eyes would close they would burst out in laughter over a funny incident someone had just narrated. There were also times when they spoke in whispers, probably about something very serious or personal. They were like innocent children enjoying each other's tales unmindful of the risk of being reprimanded for staying up so late.

For me, it was a sight to behold. After all, they were all in their 60s. But then that's probably the reason they had so many tales to tell about their lives and their families, and a day or two would not have been enough to tell them all.

Now as I ponder on this scene, I keep looking at the *balikbayan* boxes now lying empty in our sala. Each item in that box had a story to tell. Every soap and towel was the fruit of *Ninang's*, *Ninong's* and my cousins' sweat and tears in the "land of the free and the home of the brave." I know that it was not very easy for them to get all those stuff. I know that despite America's reputation as a "greener pasture," *Ninang* and her family did not get them in a breeze. They worked hard so that they could buy us all those things.

On Sept 11, the whole world was shocked by the terrorist attack in America. It was five days after *Ninang* and *Ninong* left the Philippines.

News reports said there were a number of Filipinos working at the World Trade Center. Some were very lucky to have survived but many others were nowhere to be found.

Had tragedy not struck, some of them would probably be starting to fill their *balikbayan* boxes with various stuff to be sent home in time for the holiday season. Others were perhaps even planning to bring the boxes themselves.

To some, those *balikbayan* boxes are just proof of how Americanized we Filipinos have become and how we have learned to love everything that is "*isteytsayd*." But for me, these boxes reflect the stories of their lives, their trials and triumphs in America waiting to be cherished by their own families back home.

I don't know anyone who lives near the World Trade Center or the Pentagon, and I am thankful that *Ninang* and her family live quite far from those places. Still the sight of the carnage breaks my heart.

Ninang has already called to assure us they are OK. She said they've opened the *balikbayan* box they took back with them to the United States and they were all happy with everything they got from us.

Yes, that *balikbayan* box was one of those they brought here a month ago. But now they're filled with *pastillas, cornik, tsinelas*, and other native stuff given by their family, their relatives and friends here.

Now it's our own stories that are in that box waiting to be told. I just wish they had a good time savoring each tale as much as we did with theirs

---

Sharon Wendy A. Robas, 26, works as an editorial assistant in the INQUIRER.

THEY SAID

No time for vengeance

"Let vengeance give way to healing, anger give way to reconciliation and death give way to life."

—Jaime Cardinal Sin, during a Mass for the victims of the US terrorist attacks

Seeds of destruction

"Arrogance and power games will bring nothing but destruction."

—Fundamentalist leaders Qazi Hussain Ahmed's warning to Pakistan if it helps the United States in its attack of Afghanistan

Jittery market

"I don't think we have seen the last of the falls either in Tokyo or elsewhere, so it is a very much nervous situation just waiting to crumble at any further bad news."

—Noriko Hama, chief economist of Mitsubishi Research Institute in Tokyo, on prevailing market sentiments after the terrorist attacks

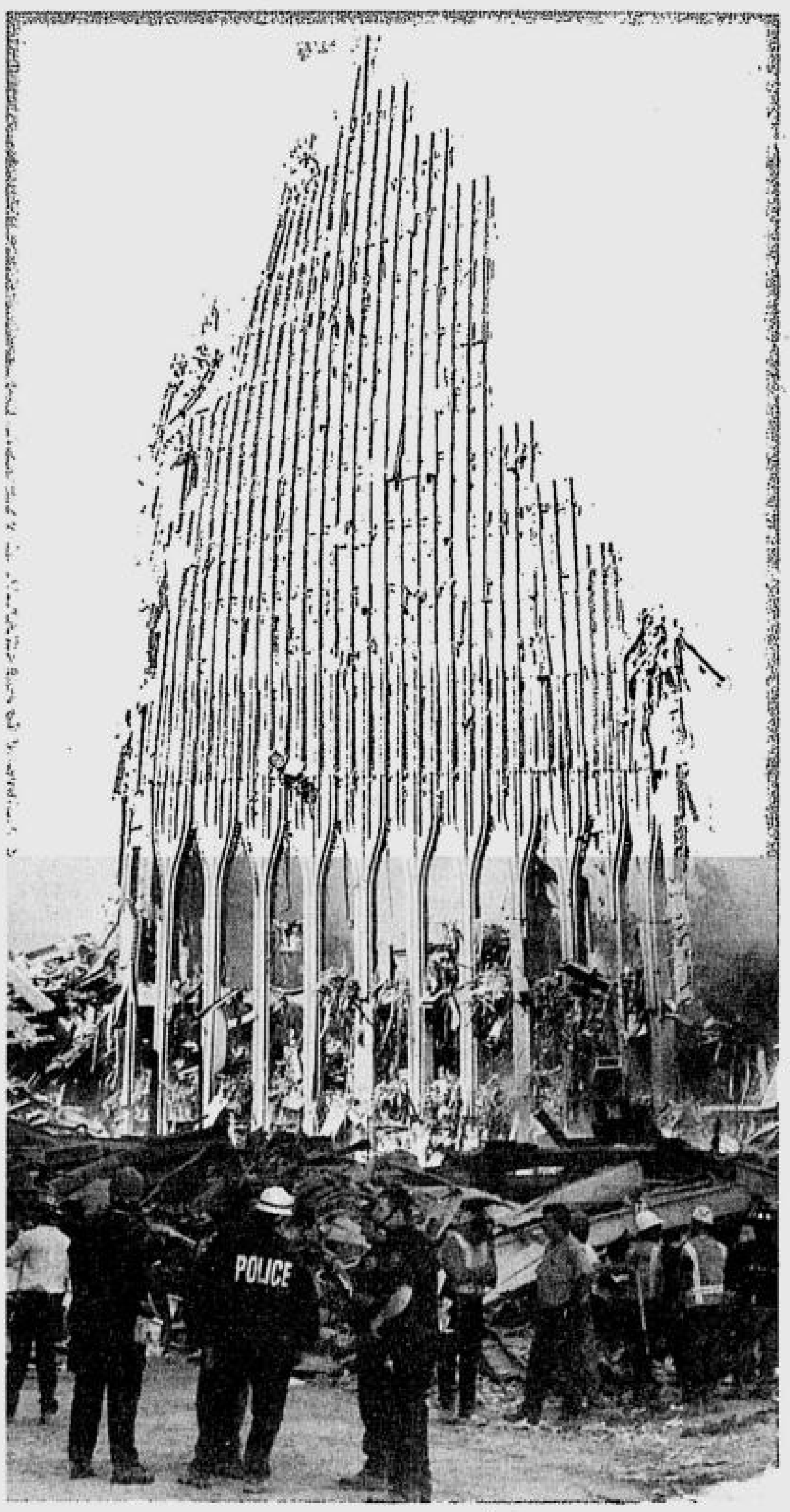
Frontier poster

"I want justice. And there's an old poster out west, that I recall said, 'Wanted, Dead or Alive.'"

—United President George Bush to prime suspect in the terrorist attack Osama bin Laden

The INQUIRER is a member of the
PHILIPPINE PRESS INSTITUTE
The National Association of Philippine Newspapers
PPI

State responsibility for acts of terrorism



ONE should take notice of the well-crafted statement made by US President Bush when he included the harboring state in his declaration of war against terrorism. Without mention of the harboring state, no war can be declared or waged against individuals although individual responsibility has been a feature of international law since the Nuremberg trial of Nazi war criminals.

The topic of state responsibility recently formulated by the International Law Commission (ILC), the UN law-making and codifying body, contains Article 7 under the Chapter "Act of State under International law," which states: "The attribution to the State of the conduct of persons acting in fact on behalf of the State" or "Such persons or group of persons was in fact exercising elements of the government authority in the absence of the official authorities and in circumstances which justified the exercise of those elements of authority." This simply means that terrorists being harbored by a state with a clear showing that they are in fact exercising elements of government authority, may render the harboring state answerable under international law for internationally wrongful acts under the principle of attribution.

Acts of terrorist committed by individuals may render those individuals answerable as well. The soon to come into force Statute of the International Criminal Court has under its jurisdiction terrorism or crimes against humanity. This statute was approved by representatives of state parties in July 1998 at Rome. Sixty instruments of ratification are needed for it to come into force and the recent developments in Washington, D.C. and New York may hasten attainment of this required number.—**RAUL I. GOCO, Philippine member, UN International Law Commission (first vice chair), No. 5 10th St., New Manila, Quezon City**

LETTERS

How much shabu was seized in Lipa raid?

THIS has reference to the letter of Alfredo A. Madlangbayan, vicar general of the Archdiocese of Lipa, and parish priest of San Sebastian, entitled "Shabu haul in Lipa raid," published last Sept. 14, 2001.

In that letter, he asked for clarification on the alleged conflicting reports of the police director for Region Office 4 and that of the undersigned.

In my letter to Fr. Robert P. Reyes dated July 12, 2001, I did not categorically state that 600 kilograms of shabu and 500 kilograms of ingredients for shabu processing were seized in Lipa City. My letter concentrated on updates about the case and the status of the disposal of the evidence as requested by the good priest. Mention was made of the alleged 600 kilograms of shabu and 500 kilograms of shabu ingredients in the letter reply only in reference to the letter of Father Reyes which alleged that the haul was that much. With the final determination by the Crime Laboratory as reported by RD, PRO 4, I hereby standby the official report.

In restating the allegations of Father Reyes in our letter reply, without reference to the official report of the PNP Crime Laboratory, my office committed an administrative lapse. I apologize.—**LUCAS M. MANAGUELOD, police director, National Headquarters, PNP, Camp Crame, Quezon City**

Rash and bullish aggression

WE sincerely and deeply commiserate with the American civilian populace, especially the families of those who died in the heinous attacks in the United States of America. But we cannot and must not support the US government's decision to wage a war of aggression against the whole Afghanistan nation. It is rash and bullish especially since the US government's decision is based on a suspicion that one man is behind the attacks.

We are also dismayed by the eagerness of the Philippine government to get involved in the United States' war of aggression. It is obvious that President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo and her trigger-happy advisers spent no time thinking through their action before kowtowing to the US government.

One word from the US government and the Macapagal administration has virtually offered the whole country for US use in its war against Afghanistan notwithstanding the fact that this will unnecessarily drag our country and our people into an unjust war.

We also fear for the women and children of Afghanistan. With the military's macho-fascist thinking, abuse of women and children symbolize the subjugation of a nation. This has happened in all the world wars and other wars waged by the United States. We are certain this will happen should the United States assault Afghanistan.

We cannot allow our country to be used to attack another country where innocent lives will be needlessly sacrificed.

Also, to get involved in this war would require our government to spend time and resources when the Filipinos are already neck-deep in crisis. Rather than blindly support this war of aggression, President Macapagal will do better to address the more pressing issues in her country.—**EMMI DE JESUS, deputy secretary general, Gabriela, 35 Scout Delgado St., Roxas District, Quezon City**

A question of confidence

THIS letter is in reply to Neal Cruz's tirades against President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, Finance Secretary Jose Isidro Camacho, Presidential Management Staff Secretary Vicky Garchitorena, Customs Commissioner Titus Villanueva and myself.

I do not know anything about the P5.4-billion SGS claim, since I was appointed by President Macapagal only last July 13 and sworn into office by the finance secretary on Aug. 3. As the new deputy commissioner for the revenue collection monitoring group, my superiors have not given me the responsibility to review the final accounting of the SGS claim. The vice chair of the SGS liability committee will most likely succeed the chairperson who has been replaced by the President.

From 1985 to 1995, I worked as country manager for Buyers Consolidators, a Sealand subsidiary. My office was right inside the Manila International Container Port where I was exposed to dealing extensively not only with the Bureau of Customs but also with my fellow licensed customs brokers, freight forwarders, truckers, port operator's personnel and, of course, shipping lines. I am therefore not an "outsider" but a new face with fresh ideas gained from my long experience in the piers.

The position of deputy commissioner is equivalent to that of an assistant secretary and therefore classified by the Career Executive Service Board as a third level career executive position. To have security of tenure in a career executive position, the appointee must pass a merit and fitness exams and hurdle other processes in order to get a Ceso eligibility. Without a Ceso eligibility, the career executive works at the pleasure of the appointing authority.

After the Ramos administration, Deputy Commissioner Glicerio Evangelista gave way to Estrada appointee Emma Rosqueta, an appointee of President Joseph Estrada. Both were non-Ceso eligibles. Now that President Macapagal has made her choice as to who should be the deputy commissioner, the Estrada appointee who is not a Ceso eligible should also give way to the desire of the President.

I myself do not yet have a Ceso eligibility, although I am a CPA-lawyer as well as a licensed customs broker. If I wish to have security of tenure, I have to pass the Ceso exams as required by law. However, even if I had a Ceso eligibility, if the President no longer has confidence in me, I will certainly respect the decision and pack up my things and just go back to law practice.

In the meantime, I will continue to work hard for the administration so that when I grow older, I can proudly tell my children that in a small way, I contributed my own share in raising the moral standards of governance in our society.—**GIL A. VALERA, deputy commissioner, Revenue Collection Monitoring Group, Bureau of Customs**

An adaptation of 'Katipunan' march

THIS is in connection with the article of Juliet Javellana, entitled "Gloria Labandera now a soap" last July 5, 2001. There are some corrections we would like to make regarding the ditty "Alerta Labandera" which was mentioned in the article and played during the Palace function.

The jingle "Alerta Labandera" was adapted from "Alerta Katipunan," a march by an unknown composer written in 1896. The jingle was arranged by pianist Raul Sunico, its concept and lyrics were by Chola Colayco Navarro, and it was sung by Soul Divas, member of Youth for Christ.

"Alerta Labandera" is a tribute to the President's paternal grandmother and to all Filipino women who labor to improve their family's life. The jingle is part of the "Alerta Labandera" project supported by the Ginintuan at Makabayang Alay Foundation Inc. The beneficiaries of this project are the parents/graduates of the Parents Enrichment Service (Ahon Magulang) project of the Ginintuan Foundation in conjunction with the Department of Social Welfare and Development and local governments, with the cooperation of Couples of Christ and the Handmaids of the Lord.

We have a pending copyright for the jingle to protect the intellectual property rights of those concerned.—**MA. LOURDES P. VARONA, president, Ginintuan at Makabayang Alay Foundation Inc., 4/F Unit 403 Casa Rafael, Quezon Ave., Quezon City**

Bush gets ready for new kind of war

NEWS ANALYSIS

Ron Fournier

WASHINGTON—As President George W. Bush tries to unite oft-disagreeing nations behind a war against terrorism, he is encountering the "Yes, but" syndrome. Dozens of countries have pledged help to the United States, but there's usually a string or two attached.

Advisers say the president is undeterred by the demands and squishy support he's getting from some pragmatic world leaders. A practical man himself, Bush will take whatever help he can get.

"We fully understand that some nations will be comfortable supporting overt activities. Some nations will be comfortable supporting covert activities. Some nations will only be comfortable in providing information. Others will...only feel comfortable helping on financial matters," Bush said as he prepared for a joint session of Congress nine days after the deadliest terror attack on America.

"Some nations may take a more active role than others," the president said. Many nations will ask for something in return or qualify their support.

French President Jacques Chirac pledged his nation's backing, but questioned whether Bush's promised action qualifies as a war.

Russia allowed the United States to seek cooperation from three former Soviet Republics, but at the same time wants Bush to give its own leaders more leeway in dealing with rebels (Russia calls them terrorists) in Chechnya.

China pledged to help with rescue efforts, but wants the United States to keep its distance from Taiwan.

Saudi Foreign Minister Saud al-Faisal said after meeting with Bush on Thursday that fighting terrorism requires a "persistent focus," echoing the president's message. But, like leaders in other Arab nations, the foreign minister seemed to warn against an overwhelming military response. "It should in no way follow the objectives of the terrorists themselves in creating an unbridgeable gap between the Western world and the Islamic world," he said.

Bush has tried to ease those fears, in part, by calling Islam a peaceful religion and denouncing harassment of Arab-Americans in the United States.

Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf took the politically risky step of asking his nation to support potential US attacks on neighboring Afghanistan, which harbors prime suspect Osama bin Laden and his al-Qaida network. Musharraf will give US forces air space and intelligence on the terrorist network, and he will try to close the Afghan border.

In exchange, Bush praised Musharraf for taking a "bold position," but US officials say the Pakistani leader wants more: lift sanctions against his country and mediate a dispute with India over the region of Kashmir.

Bush has even turned to nations accused of harboring terrorists, including Syria and Iran, and longtime rivals such as Cuba. The message to terrorist-aiding states: help America find the network that killed thousands last Sept. 11 or risk being a target when Bush broadens his campaign beyond those attacks. "Either you are with us," Bush warned in his address, "or you are with the terrorists."

Bush's call for help has received some surprisingly positive replies.

"The civilized world is rallying to America's side," Bush told Congress. "They understand that if terror goes unpunished, their own cities, their own citizens may be next. Terror unanswered cannot only bring down buildings, it can threaten the stability of legitimate governments—and we will not allow it."

Japan not only offered its support but may consider enacting a law that would broaden its ability to take part in military actions overseas.

For the first time, Nato invoked Article 5 of its charter to declare the attacks on Washington and New York as an attack on the 19-member alliance.

Bush paused from his speech preparation to meet with British Prime Minister Tony Blair, America's closest ally in the war effort. Blair pledged "our solidarity, our sympathy and our support" to the United States.

Australia has pledged its troops to support US military action. Sniffing at the notion of offering anything less, Prime Minister John Howard said, "There is no point, in a situation like this, being an 80-percent ally."

Actually, there is. Casting a wide net for terrorists, Bush is willing to settle for much less from less-friendly nations.

"This is not the normal coalition in the fighting sense so you can't build it in the normal way," said Tony Cordesman, an analyst with the Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington. "What we need is very different kinds of help from different kinds of allies. Much is intelligence and warning. Some will be in rooting out terrorists. Bush is getting ready for a new kind of war in a new way."

AP

Cosmos dispute revolves around money

I BELONG to the last category mentioned in the statement issued by Cosmos Bottling Corp. and published in major newspapers last Sept. 12, 2001. As a concerned citizen, below is my personal opinion.

The remark of a prospective foreign investor after learning from a governor of the Philippine Stock Exchange of the complications arising from the case filed by Iloilo Rep. Agusto Syjuco, was "Well, that's why nothing works in your country!"

This is a rather sweeping remark. However, while I resent it, it does have merits. There are a lot of things that do not work in this country. The delivery of basic services, for one, has always been short of expectations. We have good laws addressing the basic necessities of what we call life; food, shelter, clothing. Unfortunately, either we do not have sufficient funds to implement these laws or if we have the funds, a good portion of it goes to the pockets of some people.

I have heard several statements after the case was filed by Representative Syjuco against Cosmos. Most of the reasons given were already published in the major daily newspapers. These reasons could be nothing but tactical in nature and the real reason could be something else. The eventual outcome would still be the same. As the song goes, "Money makes the world go around."

This is one reason our country is a mess. Most of the time, people treat money as "the end" and not "the means."

I hope to God that the Cosmos issue will be settled soon for the benefit of everyone and the entire nation.

Ours is indeed a sorry country, many have either left or are thinking of leaving for good. Others prefer to stand and wait. I am still here, with no thought of leaving the Philippines for good but earnest in my desire to do my own share for my beloved country.—**JERRY A. QUIBILAN, associate member, Brother of Christian Businessmen and Professionals**

Nothing immoral with GSIS benefits

I WAS dismayed by your Sept. 11, 2001 headline news, entitled "GSIS millionaires listed."

Your newspaper portrayed respectable and decent GSIS retirees (who availed themselves of the GSIS Loyalty Incentive Plan or Elip) as plain crooks and thieves. They were made to appear as insensitive and opportunistic individuals who took advantage of their position to acquire millions of pesos at the expense of the members of the Government Service Insurance System who receive much lower retirement pays.

By publishing their names and the millions that they were supposed to have received, you may have unwittingly placed their lives and their families in mortal danger. Now, they are fair game to criminals.

Those retired GSIS employees do not deserve that kind of publicity. All of them have devoted their entire productive lives to the service of the government. Most of them served the GSIS for no less than 30 years, while some served for more than 40 years.

In their long careers in the GSIS, they contributed to the crafting of various life and retirement benefits that have helped millions of GSIS members and their dependents in their time of need. No, the INQUIRER didn't do them justice at all.

The GSIS retirement/financial plan is not an "illegal" supplementary retirement plan, as the resident COA auditor would like to make it appear. R.A. No. 8291 or the GSIS Act of 1997 empowers the GSIS board of trustees "to design and adopt an Early Retirement Plan and/or financial assistance for the purpose of retirement for its own personnel." It is a valued management principle that motivated people to contribute to higher productivity. Good pay and appropriate benefits are strong motivating factors. They attract competent people and provide incentives for them to stay on their jobs.

Neither is the Elip "morally indefensible." GSIS employees are also state employees. As such, they also contribute to the retirement fund. And as state employees, they enjoy the same benefits, rights and privileges as all government workers. When they retire, they may choose whatever retirement benefit they want.

In addition, as a reward for their long, efficient and honest service to the GSIS, they are granted, again, by operation of law, additional monetary benefits, that is sourced not from the retirement fund that is being administered by the GSIS, but drawn from the savings derived from corporate operations. The Elip does not take away a single centavo from our members' contributions. The retirement fund remains solid and unassailable like the rock of Gibraltar.

The GSIS has experienced both good times and bad. Nonetheless, it has managed to become one of the most prosperous and viable government corporations in the country today. That is why under the stewardship of its new president and general manager, we are able to process and pay loans within a day, release claims in less than two weeks and infuse millions of pesos into the national economy day in and day out.—**MONICO K. IMPERIAL JR., branch manager, GSIS Naga City**

NY overwhelmed by show of generosity after attacks

NEW YORK—Americans have opened their hearts and wallets in response to the terrorist outrage in New York, unleashing an avalanche of generosity that has left the financial capital struggling to cope.

In the immediate aftermath of the Sept. 11 attack on the World Trade Center (WTC), the city appealed for everything from basic necessities such as soap, blankets and towels to specialized medical supplies.

What followed was an outpouring of compassion that has left warehouses bulging and seen hundreds of millions of dollars flow into the many funds set up for the families of the more than 6,000 people feared dead.

Some of the United States' largest blue chip corporations made multi-million dollar donations, rock stars and Hollywood icons are planning a fundraising extravaganza, but most of the giving has come from a stunned general public.

"The city is overwhelmed with supplies, more than they could possibly use. No more supplies are needed this time," reads a message on the city government's relief website.

Much of the compassion has been directed at the firefighters of New York, who lost some 300 colleagues trapped inside the twin towers of the WTC when they collapsed after hijackers rammed two fuel-laden passenger jets into the buildings.

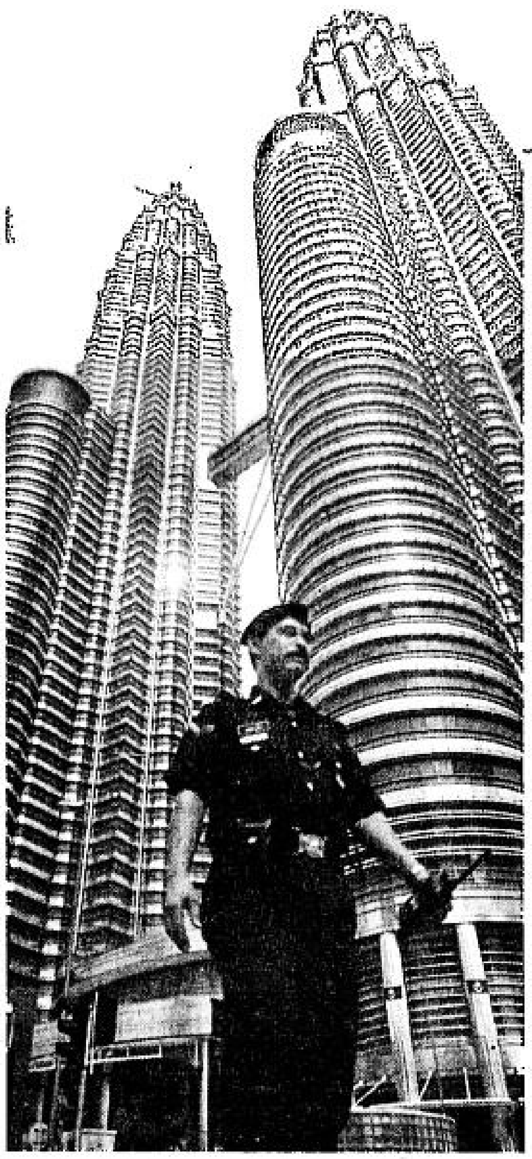
Dave Ianone, one of the founders of Firehouse.com, the website of the Firehouse Magazine which serves the country's 1.5 million paid and volunteer firefighters, said his organization could not handle any more non-financial donations.

"We've had such an overall response that right now it's more than we can handle," he said.

Scores of funds have been set up to gather money for the victims, most notably the Twin Towers Fund being coordinated by the city government and the United Way September 11 Fund, which have each attracted more than $70 million.

They have both been powered by large donations from some of the United States' major blue-chip firms—General Electric and Microsoft each handed over $10 million, Walt Disney gave $6 million and IBM $5 million.

The Red Cross National Disaster Relief Fun has collected $20 million while nearly $75 million has been donated via the libertyunites.org website. *AFP*



PAINFULLY aware of the fate that befell the World Trade Center towers in New York City, policemen patrol Sept. 20 the Petronas Twin Towers in Kuala Lumpur, the world's tallest structures. Security has been tightened around the KL buildings after the terrorist attacks in the US and as a military conflict looms in Afghanistan. AFP

Allies urged to assure Afghans they face no risk

LONDON—The United States and its allies should promise Afghan civilians they will not be targeted in any military action, a leading charity said Friday.

Oxfam also wants aid resumed to prevent refugees besieging Afghanistan's borders, said the charity's spokesperson Barbara Stocking.

The charity has written to British Prime Minister Tony Blair asking him to acknowledge the international community's responsibility for starving Afghan people.

Three million people in Afghanistan depend on food aid, Stocking told BBC Radio 4's Today program.

"People know that food is not getting there and so they are on the move," she said. "It is not too late to do something about that.

"The two things we are asking for is first of all to get the UN World Food Program food supplies moving in again into Afghanistan," she said. But secondly, people's fear must be reduced and the international community must come out "very strongly and say that it won't target civilians." *AFP*

THE DAILY GOSPEL

Saturday, September 22, 2001
24th Week in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: *1 Tim 6:13-16*
Gospel: *Lk 8:4-15*

As a great crowd gathered and people came to him from every town, Jesus began teaching them through stories, or parables, "The sower went out to sow the seed. And as he sowed, some of the grain fell along the way, was trodden on and the birds of the sky ate it up. Some fell on rocky ground, and no sooner had it come up than it withered, because it had no water. Some fell among thorns; the thorns grew up with the seed and choked it. But some fell on good soil and grew, producing fruit—a hundred times as much." And Jesus cried out, "Listen then, if you have ears to hear!"

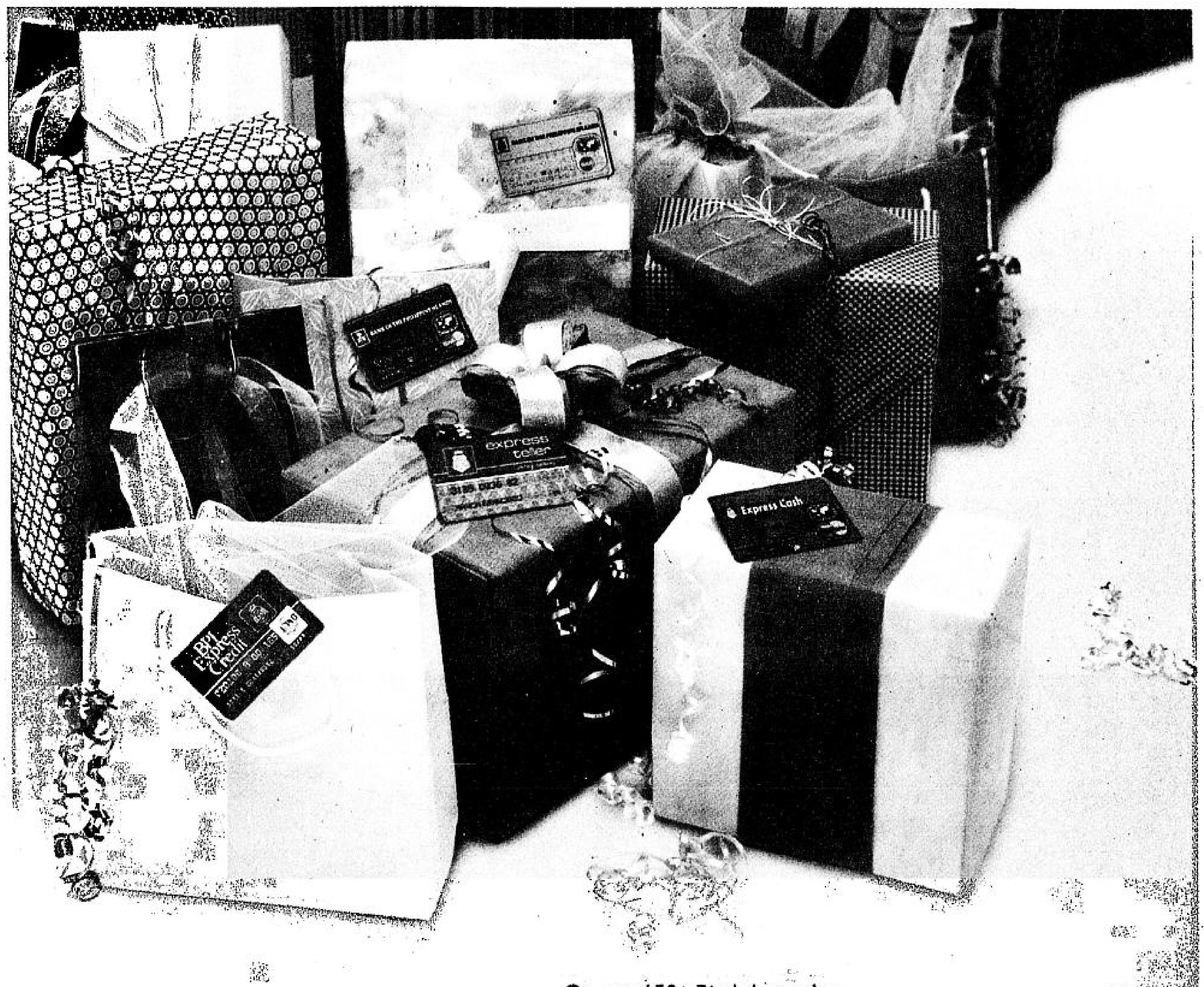
The disciples asked him, "What does this story mean?" And Jesus answered, "You have been granted to know the mystery of the kingdom of God. But to others it is given in the form of stories, or parables, so that *seeing they may not perceive and hearing they may not understand.*

Now, this is the point of the parable: The seed is the word of God. Those along the wayside are people who hear it, but immediately the devil comes and takes the word from their minds, for he doesn't want them to believe and be saved. Those on the rocky ground are people who receive the word with joy, but they have no root; they believe for a while and give way in time of trial. Among the thorns are people who hear the word but as they go their way, are choked by worries, riches, and the pleasures of life; they bring no fruit to maturity. The good soil, instead, are people who receive the word and keep it in a gentle and generous mind, and persevering patiently, they bear fruit."

Commentary

In the parable of the sower, Jesus challenges his disciples to be good listeners. He says "No, thank you," to the half-hearted and uncommitted listener. For a good listener bears fruits abundantly, like a good soil, while a poor listener cannot give any yield. Poor listeners cannot be trusted and can never be committed for they are enthusiastic only at the beginning. They are easily carried away by worldly cares. They are often distracted by trivial things that they have no more time to reflect and make the word of God sink deep into their hearts. On the other hand, a good listener is always disposed and receptive to his words. He/She has time to listen intently and become productive for the kingdom.

Claretian Publications Inc., 8 Mayumi St., UP Village, Diliman, Quezon City, UP P.O. Box 4, Diliman, 1101 Quezon City; Tel.: 921-3984; Fax: 921-7429; E-mail: claret@cnl.net; Websites: http://www.bible.claret.org (Claretian Publications Inc.) & http://missionaries.claret.org (Claretians in the Philippines)



On our 150th Birthday, we're giving you over 150 gifts. And that's just the start.

BANK OF THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS presents THE POWER OF 3

As BPI celebrates 150 years of banking leadership, our cards give you 3 ways to win great gifts!

SURE DISCOUNTS AND GIFTS FROM OVER 150 MERCHANTS
Shop with your BPI Express Credit, BPI MasterCard, Express Cash or Express Teller's EPS, and get gifts of discounts and special offers from over 150 merchants in more than 700 participating GMMA stores!

PLUS – 150 WINNERS OF WEEKLY CASH SURPRISES!
Whatever BPI Card you use, you're qualified to join the weekly raffles. You may be one of the 150 lucky cardholders to win ₱2,000 each!

AND TO TOP IT ALL OFF – 3 BIG TRIP PACKAGES TO UNWRAP!
Keep on shopping with your BPI Cards for more chances to win any of the grand raffle prizes – trips to Hong Kong, Bangkok and Singapore, wrapped with $500 pocket money!

So shop with your BPI Express Credit, BPI MasterCard, Express Cash or Express Teller's EPS from July 23 to September 30, 2001, and get great gifts from BPI!

150 YEARS BANK OF THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS

PHONES, COMPUTERS & GADGETS: Bosch Shop • CK Cellular Corp. • Complink • Excelline Sales Trading Corp. • Gemini Photo/Canon • Globotel • PC Domain • Save on Surplus Computers • SIM Computer • South Street • The Computer Authority
HOME ACCESSORIES & APPLIANCES: Amadis Oggetti • Automatic Centro • Avid Sales • Bolts Lighting • Blims • FC Home Center • Forty Winks • Homewise Furniture • Houseware Square Inc. • New ATBP Corp. • MG Infinity • Play & Display • Ragalong Pambahay • Restoration • Romance • Sheridan • Sogo • Solar Lamps • Western Marketing
SPECIALTY STORES: AOA Savers • Aquaventure • Beauty Bar • Candles & Scents • Cathay Builders Center • Dermclinic • Dermstrata • Dreams Needlearts & Crafts • ECI Golf (Callaway Golf) • Executive Optical • Facial & Body Basic • Flowershop.com.ph • George Optical • Gift Gate • GNC Healthy You • Golden Bookstore • Health Express • Honda Cars-Makati, Inc. • JB Sports • Limuaco Optical • Little Tikes • Magna Optical • Mejoro Woodworks, Inc. • Nautica Tours & Travel • NBC Dreamland • Novo Skin • Odyssey Records • Office Warehouse • OMF Literature • Optical Works • Page One (El Archivo) • Pillow Talk • Tinctada • Racing Master • Sambo Optical • 5aSEC Phil. • Simex Trading Corp. • Skin Perfect Facial Salon • Spectra Audio Video Center • Storeshop • Tai Ping Rugs & Carpets • The Bookmark/Filipino B-store • The Garage Club • The Hardware Depot • The Optical Shop • Tickles • Toby's Sports • Tools Specialist • Toy Kingdom • Toys Unlimited • True Value • Water Colors • White House Optical • YKL Color Lab
FASHION: Accessorio • Alexis Jewelry • American Apparel (Dickies) • Apriori • Arrow Boutique • B Club • Baghora • Benetton • Buffalo Jeans • Catalog • Claiborne for Men • Clarks-England • Colleciones New York • Coreliz • Cresinin's Boutique • Crystal Carat • Da Paul Custom Tailor & Textile • Don Algodon • Dressing Room • Eleganline • EP Lacarcel • Filipinas Alfa Co. Inc. • Flagship Stiches & Legends • Flyers • Fossil's • Giovili • Haze Boutique • Janlyn • Joaillier Fine Jewelry • K Jr • Ka'ya Garments • Kashieco • King Philip • La Elegancia • Liz Claiborne • Lucerne • Manel's • Maphisto • Modanella • Mondo Boutique • Monnakid • Onesimus • Orange Juice • Otto Shoes • Park Lane Jewelers • Sabelle • Styletto • Tom's Boutique • Venice Jewelers • Vida Doria
DINING & HOTELS: Adriatico Arms Hotels • Alba Restaurant Español • Amazon Grill • Aqua • Arosi • Avenue Louise • Bangus Restaurant • Basilique Street Café • Beluga Bistro & Pravda Wine • Bibimbop Restaurant • Bistro Lorenzo • Bistro Remedios • Cable Car • Café Adriatico 1900 • Café Adriatico Premiere • Café Havana • Café Rizal • Casa Armas-Makati • Century Park Hotel • Chateau 1771 • Chateau Borghes • City Garden Hotel • Congo Grill • California Pizza Kitchen • Days Hotel Phils. • Don Henrico's-Malate • Dusit Hotel Nikko • East Lake Foodhouse • Elis Seafood • Gerry's Grill • Gourmet Café • Guernica's Restaurant • Holiday Inn Resort • Hotel Intercon-Bahia Restaurant • Il Porticcilo • Ilustrado Restaurant • Ima Specialty Restaurant • Jade Garden • Kimpura • La Tienda Restaurant • Lolo Dad's Café • Manila Diamond Hotel - Palm Court & Sky Lounge • Manila Sydney Hotels • Mindanao Restaurant & Bar • Minggoy's • Miyabi Japanese Restaurant • Motoyori • My Angel's Kitchen • Nipa Hut • Oakwood Premiere • Old Swiss Inn • Orchid Garden Suites • Pudi's Point-Mindanao Ave. • Pan Pacific Hotel • Pancake House • Patio Guernica's • Pazzo • Peking Garden • People's Palace • Tong Yang Hotpot • Port Area Grill • Raisky • Sala • Salumeria Café • Sidebar Café • Soleil • Southview Seafood • Stratego Café • Studio 1 Bar & Restaurant • Suburbia • Sugarhouse • Sunflower & Sundance • Ten Years After • Tequila Joe's • Thai BBQ/H2O Bar/Macau Restaurant • The Century Seafood Restaurant • The Empress Garden • The Executive Plaza Hotel • The Pacific Wharf Restaurant • Tom Cruz Grill Kamagong • Tropical Forest Restaurant • Via Mare
DEPARTMENT STORE: Fairmart & Plaza Fair • Sta Lucia Dept. Store

See leaflets for complete promo mechanics.

Per DTI-NCR Permit No. 1029 Series of 2001.

US, UK jets strike at Iraq no-fly zone

WASHINGTON—US and British warplanes bombed air-defense targets in a "no-fly" zone in southern Iraq on Thursday in a continuing campaign to degrade Baghdad's air defenses, Pentagon officials said.

They said the jets struck anti-aircraft gun emplacements at two sites southeast of Baghdad at approximately 7:20 a.m. EDT (7:20 p.m. in Manila), and that all aircraft returned safely to their bases.

Pentagon spokesperson Bryan Whitman stressed the raids were not part of a new movement of US forces in the wake of last week's attacks on the World Trade Center buildings in New York and the Pentagon near Washington.

They were, he said, "in response to recent Iraqi hostile threats against (US and British) coalition aircraft conducting routine monitoring of the southern no-fly zone."

Whitman said the raids were conducted against anti-aircraft gun emplacements at Shahban, approximately 362 km southeast of Baghdad, and at al-Basrah, approximately 394 km southeast of the capital.

It was the second attack this week by British and US planes patrolling the no-fly zones, set up after a US-led coalition drove Iraqi occupiers from Kuwait in 1991.

On Tuesday, British warplanes attacked an anti-aircraft artillery site in southern Iraq.

There have been a flurry of raids by American and British jets since Aug. 25 in response to increasing attempts by the Iraqi military to shoot down planes that have been patrolling the no-fly zones in northern and southern Iraq for a decade.

There have been signs of a growing sophistication of Iraq's air defenses in recent months and over the past few weeks the United States has possibly lost two unmanned reconnaissance aircraft, which Baghdad said it shot down.

Western forces set up no-fly zones in northern and southern Iraq after the 1991 Gulf War to protect a Kurdish enclave in the north and Shi'ite Muslims in the south from possible attacks by Iraqi forces. Baghdad does not recognize the zones. *Reuters*

Fragile Mideast truce holds

JERUSALEM—Meeting in special session after an Israeli was killed in a Palestinian shooting attack, Israel's security Cabinet decided early Friday not to take military steps against the Palestinians for now, influenced by US efforts to build an international anti-terror coalition, according to an Israeli official.

"We must not disturb the Americans in any way," Science Minister Matan Vilnai, a member of the security Cabinet, told Israel radio.

Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat declared a ceasefire on Tuesday, and Israel responded with a pledge not to initiate military actions or hit back for Palestinian attacks.

But after an Israeli woman was killed and her husband gravely wounded in front of their three small children in a West Bank drive-by shooting Thursday, Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon summoned his security Cabinet to discuss an Israeli response.

The official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said security commanders told the ministers that Arafat intended the ceasefire only for Israel proper and was taking no steps to stop attacks on Israelis in the West Bank and Gaza. They listed dozens of gunfire and grenade attacks since Tuesday, most of them aimed at Army outposts and vehicles.

The official said the distinction is unacceptable, and Israel insists on a ceasefire everywhere. However, noting US insistence on maintaining a ceasefire, the Cabinet did not approve military steps.

A planned meeting between Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres and Arafat has been put off until next week, officials said. Sharon has demanded 48 hours without violence before the meeting can take place, but officials said the clock keeps being reset by attacks like the fatal West Bank shooting.

Many members of the security Cabinet, made up of senior ministers, oppose a Peres-Arafat meeting, saying it would give Arafat a seal of approval to join the US anti-terror coalition while he continues a terror campaign against Israel. However, top US officials have been promoting the meeting as a way of stopping Mideast violence. *AP*

HUGE AND MODERN AFP

A visitor takes a close look at American artist Keith Haring's "Heaven and Hell" at the Museum of Modern Art in Karlsruhe, southwest Germany, Sept. 20. The painting is part of a Keith Haring exhibition to open on Sept 23.

Suu Kyi marks 1 year under house arrest

RANGOON—Democracy leader Aung San Suu Kyi will by Saturday have spent one year confined to her lakeside home on the orders of Burma's junta, which has given no sign of when she could be released.

Despite the restrictions, the Nobel peace laureate has had a productive 12 months, embarking on landmark talks with the military and receiving a stream of high-profile international visitors.

The political atmosphere in Rangoon has thawed since the talks began, leading to the release of nearly 200 opposition figures including senior members of her National League for Democracy (NLD).

The opposition leader has also been allowed to receive top officials from her party, as well as envoys from the United Nations, the European Union, the US State Department and the International Labor Organization.

"Despite her incarceration she is well informed about what is going on inside the party and elsewhere," a close family friend said.

As a devout Buddhist, Suu Kyi has used the periods of house arrest during her long struggle against the generals in Rangoon as an opportunity to hone her renowned mental and spiritual toughness.

The family friend said the 56-year-old maintained a simple, somewhat austere lifestyle, and found the isolation agreed with her.

"She exercises and meditates regularly and is in good health," he said.

"She has trained and conditioned herself to be able to exist comfortably under diverse conditions . . . she keeps to a simple diet of fish and vegetables just enough to sustain herself and remain in good health."

Suu Kyi and all her party's central committee members were placed under house arrest last Sept. 22, after attempting to journey by train to the northern city of Mandalay in defiance of the junta's travel ban.

The move, initially announced as "temporary detention," saw military intelligence officers placed around the residences and a block on all diplomats and journalists from visiting the pro-democracy figures.

Most analysts believe Suu Kyi will not emerge from the rambling residence until the talks with the junta, which began last October have reached a stage where they can withstand intense public scrutiny. *AFP*

Solons: Bribery commonplace in Indonesia parliament

JAKARTA—Bribery is so rife in Indonesia's parliament that legislators consider the system to be normal, a report said Friday.

Members of the House of Representatives (lower house), interviewed by the Jakarta Post, told the paper that receiving gifts, cash or facilities was considered acceptable because "practically everybody did it" and they were beyond the reach of the law.

Controversy arose after the discovery on Monday that a legislator had received a $1,052 travelers' cheque from a ranking government official.

The paper quoted police sources as saying they would soon question both the legislator and the finance ministry official said to be implicated.

Another MP, on the house's forestry and agriculture commission, was quoted as saying he received a payment after debating a plantations bill.

"We convened for deliberation on the bill for days and nights. It is normal for me to accept cash," he told the Post.

"I receive extra money amounting to between 500,000 rupiah and one million rupiah from the ministry of agriculture. I don't consider it to be a special case."

A legislator who asked to remain anonymous said the amount received by each legislator was not the same. "Perhaps, because I am outspoken I receive only a little," he said.

MP Hartono Mardjono strongly condemned the payments system.

He blamed the indirect election system under which voters cast ballots for a party—which then selects legislators to sit in the house. MPs do not feel accountable to constituents, he said.

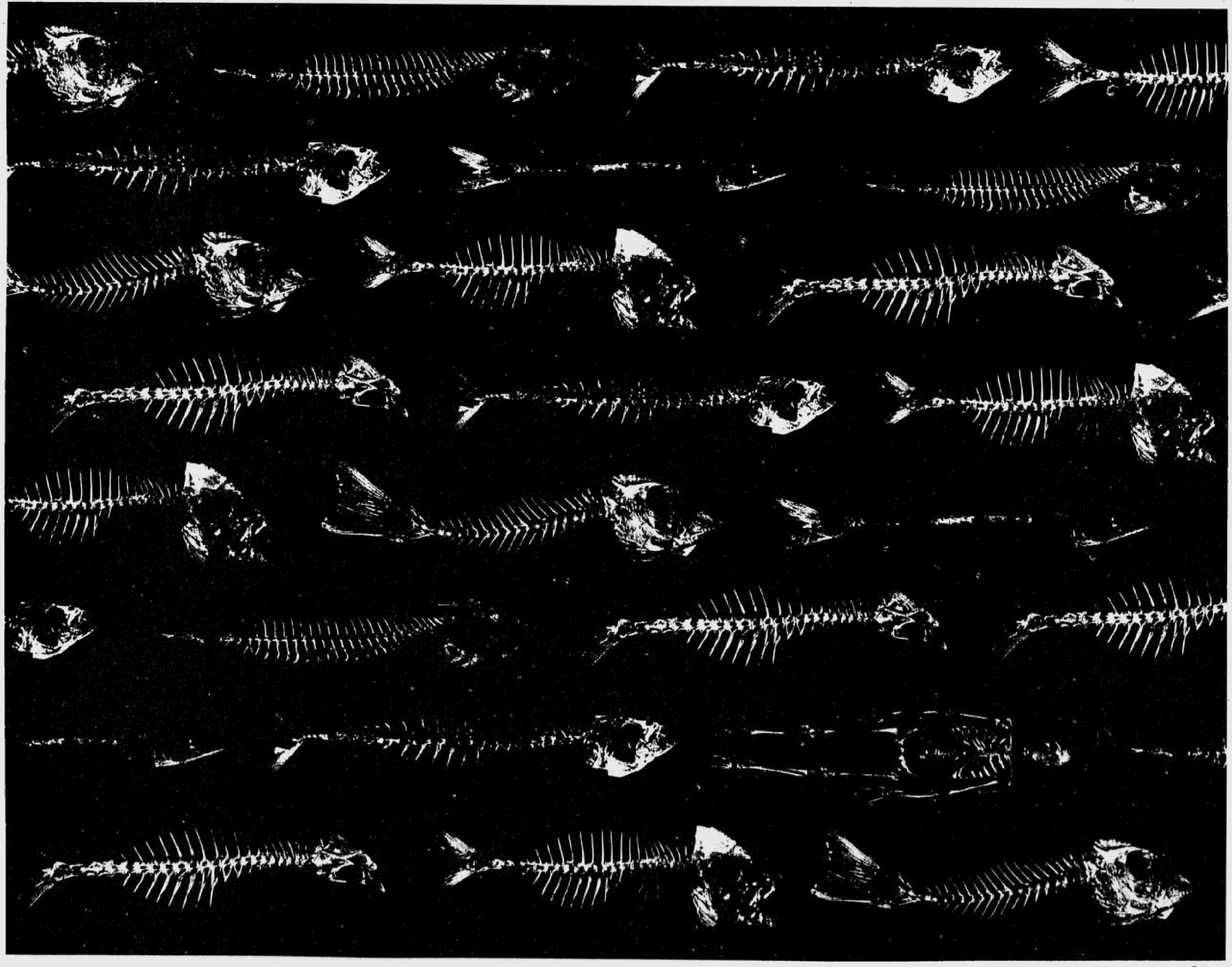
Hartono said some commissions were classed as "wet" in which bribery is normal. Among these were bodies supervising banking and state enterprises.

Commissions where bribery is uncommon were classed as "dry."

He said legislators are offered various privileges, project concessions and "complimentary" gifts for themselves and their families.

"But cash is the most common form of bribery. Enclosed in an envelope it is untraceable." *AFP*

INQUIRER This space was provided by Philippine Daily Inquirer, a Corporate Partner of WWF-Philippines.



Some of the species at risk from illegal fishing. Help WWF preserve our national fisheries. And the families who depend on them. Call 433 3222 for information and to make a donation. WWF

Northern Luzon Bureau
Room 201, Bonuan Apartelle
10 Happy Glen Loop, Baguio City
Tel. No. (074) 443-9255
Fax No. (074) 443-8971
E-mail: inq_baguio@inquirer.com.ph

Southern Luzon Bureau
23 Aurora St., Old Albay District
Legazpi City
Tel. No . (052) 820-8402
Fax No. (052) 820-1274
E-mail: inq_bicol@inquirer.com.ph

Across the NATION

TONY BERGONIA, Assistant Editor

Visayas Bureau
c/o Cebu Daily News
18-15 Escario St., Cebu City
Tel. Nos. (032) 233-0346/233-0349
Fax No. (032) 232-9938
E-mail: pdivis@skyinet.net

Mindanao Bureau
FEP Printing Corp. Bldg.
Ma-a Road, Davao City
Tel. Nos. (082) 244-1770 to 71
Fax no. (082) 2441771
E-mail: pdiminda@dv.webling.com

WEATHER FORECAST

FORECAST: The whole country will experience partly cloudy to cloudy skies with scattered rainshowers and thunderstorms becoming widespread rains over extreme Northern Luzon. SOURCE: PAGASA

Metro Manila	Partly Cloudy with Rains	Hi 32° Lo 24°
Baguio	Partly Cloudy with Rains	Hi 24° Lo 16°
Tuguegarao	Partly Cloudy with Rains	Hi 31° Lo 21°
Laoag	Cloudy with Rains	Hi 29° Lo 24°
Clark Zone	Partly Cloudy with Rains	Hi 31° Lo 22°
Tagaytay	Partly Cloudy with Rains	Hi 30° Lo 22°
Legazpi	Partly Cloudy with Rains	Hi 32° Lo 26°
Calapan	Partly Cloudy with Rains	Hi 32° Lo 25°
Bacolod	Partly Cloudy with Rains	Hi 32° Lo 25°
Roxas	Partly Cloudy with Rains	Hi 32° Lo 25°
Cebu	Partly Cloudy with Rains	Hi 32° Lo 25°
Tacloban	Partly Cloudy with Rains	Hi 32° Lo 25°
Gen. Santos	Partly Cloudy with Rains	Hi 32° Lo 24°
Zamboanga	Partly Cloudy with Rains	Hi 32° Lo 25°
Cagayan de Oro	Partly Cloudy with Rains	Hi 32° Lo 24°
Davao	Partly Cloudy with Rains	Hi 32° Lo 24°

Compiled by: Ray Leyesa, PDI Research/09/22/01

ROUNDUP

Digital map proposed

BAGUIO CITY—A surveying firm has asked the city government to consider its proposal to establish a digital map for this city. The Certeza Surveying and Aerophoto System Inc. presented to officials how the Geographic Information System could plot the city's road networks, residential and forest areas, land elevation and infrastructure through a detailed map that would use aerial photography. The project, which could help in the city's tax mapping and collections, would cost the city government P12 million to P14 million. *Sandra Go and Michelle Angeli Mendoza, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau*

P20-M in loan

LINGAYEN, Pangasinan—A rural credit firm granted the Pangasinan State University here a P20-million loan to boost the province's corn production program. Based on a memorandum of agreement among the PSU, Department of Agriculture and the National Agriculture and Fishery Council, the loan extended by the Quedan and Rural Credit Corp. would be used to give technical, financial and marketing assistance to corn farmers here. PSU president Rodolfo Asanion said the loan would finance corn production in initially 1,500 hectares of corn farms in eastern and central Pangasinan. *Yolanda Fuertes, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau*

6 held for 'jueteng'

BAGUIO CITY—Police arrested six suspected jueteng bet collectors here on Wednesday, the third arrest since July this year. Supt. Villamor Bumanglag, police chief here, said the suspects, all from Pampanga, were on their way to this city aboard a Tamaraw FX taxi after attending a draw of the illegal numbers game in nearby La Trinidad, Benguet. *Jovelyn Reyes, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau*

Swift justice urged

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO—Councilors here are demanding swift justice for a barangay captain who was killed last Tuesday. In a resolution, the city council here urged law enforcers to work harder in arresting the suspects who shot and killed Barangay Captain Jose Lazatin, 49, of Telabastagan Village here. Lazatin was shot at least 10 times by three men along the MacArthur Highway in Telabastagan at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday.

Jun Malig, PDI Central Luzon Desk

Dawn rosary for peace

TACLOBAN CITY—A dawn rosary for world peace is scheduled at 4:30 a.m. today at the Sto. Niño Church in Tacloban City. Msgr. Bernardo Pantin, Sto. Niño parish priest, said Mass will follow the dawn rosary. "We offer this prayer for world peace. We pray that there will be no more violence in this world again," Pantin told the INQUIRER. Other parishes in Leyte have been offering prayers for world peace since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center in New York and on the Pentagon, in Washington.

Cynthia Borgueta, PDI Visayas Bureau

Cable thieves face raps

PUERTO PRINCESA CITY—The Philippine Long Distance Telephone Co. is set to press charges against suspected cable thieves Ferdinand Madrid Jr., Boyet Saavedra and Vicente Callejo. PLDT-Puerto Princesa subexchange manager Raymond Miranda said the thieves struck 15 times in two months stealing more than 3,000 meters of cable wire which cost the company more than P4.5 million. He said communication lines were disrupted in major residential areas. *Jofelle Tesorio, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau*

More kids into drugs

LEGAZPI CITY—City officials are alarmed at the sudden increase in the number of cases of children not returning home from schools and suspected to be now using illegal drugs. Eleanor Homo of the City Social Welfare and Development Office said he suspected that the youngsters' failure to come home early could mean that they had been lured to drugs. Officials here also felt dismay when they found that the police's anti-drugs group lacked personnel to pursue the campaign against all forms of illegal drugs. They also learned that 45 of the 70 barangays here are affected by the proliferation of illegal drugs near school campuses and even in remote barangays.

Rey Nasol, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

FLAWED ORDINANCE

Baguio to return taxes

BAGUIO CITY—Describing the people who paid excessive business and realty taxes as "aggrieved taxpayers," the Court of Appeals ordered the city government to return overpayments collected under a controversial city tax ordinance either through tax refunds or tax credits.

The order was contained in a ruling issued on Sept. 5 by the CA's Special 6th Division composed of Associate Justices Ramon Barcelona, Rodrigo Cosico and Bienvenido Reyes.

They ruled in favor of the petitioners led by the Baguio Chamber of Commerce and Industry then headed by Carlos Honorio Estepa Jr., now the chamber's regional governor for Cordillera.

The BCCI led the campaign against the tax ordinance, which imposed tax increases ranging from 400 percent to over 1,000 percent.

The appellate court ruled that those who paid are entitled to a tax refund or tax credit for the excess payments that they made from 1996 to 2000.

"Inasmuch as the questioned ordinance has already been repealed, the case is hereby rendered moot and academic. Consequently, the court need not rule on this particular issue on constitutionality," the court said.

"The only issue left to be resolved is what would happen to the tax collected prior to the repeal of the questioned ordinance. The answer is the aggrieved taxpayer may opt either to seek refund or obtain a tax credit."

Lawyer Roney Jone Gandeza, BCCI's counsel, described the CA ruling as a "decisive court victory" for Baguio businessmen.

"We kept saying all along that the 1995 tax ordinance was null and void because it was unconstitutional," he said.

"Even after the city council passed another ordinance to cure the first one, it did not sweep away the legal consequences of the first ordinance while it was still in force."

The city council passed tax ordinance 95-001 on Dec. 20, 1995 raising taxes in the city. It took effect on Jan. 2, 1996.

The BCCI questioned this because the proposed ordinance was never published, as required by the Local Government Code of 1991 and Article 276 of its implementing rules.

Despite this, the measure was approved and signed into law by then Mayor Mauricio Domogan on Jan. 6, 1996.

The BCCI then filed a case with the regional trial court here questioning the constitutionality of the tax ordinance.

The city council passed a resolution substituting another tax ordinance prepared by its committee on ways and means in place of the version submitted by the city treasurer in an effort to cure the defect.

Domogan refused to sign the resolution because of what he perceived as "serious discrepancies."

The city council tried to correct the defect by republishing tax ordinance 95-001 between Oct. 19 and Nov. 2, 1997 but Judge Antonio Reyes of the regional trial court here ruled on Sept. 27, 1997 that the delayed publication was a violation of the due process clause.

In the meantime, the city treasurer's office was already collecting higher tax rates under tax ordinance 95-001, prompting businessmen and property owners here to either refuse to pay their taxes or to pay under protest.

The city council made its last effort to correct the anomaly by enacting an entirely new tax measure, ordinance 2000-001 that went into effect last year.

The CA took this last measure passed by the city council as finally legitimizing the city tax code. *Nathan Alcantara, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau*

Vigilante group strikes again

DAVAO CITY—The vigilante group Davao Death Squad (DDS) is back.

Two suspected members of a cellular-phone-snatching gang here were shot and killed by suspected DDS men on Thursday afternoon.

But just like in the past killings, the gunmen remained unidentified as no one would testify against them.

Chief Insp. Leonardo Felonia, chief of the San Pedro police station, said they find it hard to solve such cases since no witnesses wanted to stand in court.

The DDS was blamed for the killings of suspected drug pushers in the past.

This time, however, suspected robbers are the targets.

Police records showed that more than 100 persons were already killed since the group started operating in the early 1990s.

In Thursday's killing, the victims were Ryan Martinito alias Macao, 18 and PJ Taporco alias Kagid, 19, who have pending robbery cases at several police precincts here.

Felonia said the two had been repeatedly arrested for cell phone snatching, but were released from jail after posting bail.

The two were walking on Ponciano Reyes Street here when the suspects, on board a motorcycle, fired at them.

Taporco managed to run away and board a passenger jeepney, but he was still killed. *Anthony Allada, PDI Mindanao Bureau*

KINGS OF THE ROAD

CHARLIE SACEDA

Pedicabs, as they are now popularly called, dominate the streets of Jolo, Sulu, becoming the provincial capital's main mode of transportation.

Alien held for lacking travel documents

CEBU CITY—The Bureau of Immigration has detained a foreigner, who claimed to be an Israeli, for failing to show his travel papers.

Alien Control Officer Casimiro Madarang III escorted on Thursday Simeon Bindanu, 33, to the BI office in Manila where the foreigner would undergo tactical interrogation.

Bindanu initially claimed to be an Israeli holding a Belgian passport but later said he was an Iraqi who grew up in Belgium. He again changed his statement and claimed he was Jordanian.

Bindanu was turned over to immigration officials in Cebu after he was arrested on Wednesday by police in Toledo City, about 50 kilometers southwest of this city.

Police said Bindanu and his two companions checked into a hotel in Cebu City on Sept. 8 and later rented a small room in a boarding house in Toledo City Sept. 11.

Bindanu's companions were identified as Ronnie Galie and Andres Rocako. They were also foreigners with Middle Eastern features.

Insp. Felicisimo Dolino, the deputy chief of the Toledo City police, said the owner of the boarding house complained to the police that bystanders were harassing the three foreigners.

When the policemen came to investigate, they could not find the three. The policemen were told that one of the foreigners was eating in a restaurant with a female friend.

Dolino said they went to the restaurant and invited the foreigner to the police station. The foreigner, who identified himself as Bindanu, obliged.

Bindanu, however, failed to present his travel documents. He claimed that his passport was with his companions, who could no longer be located.

Bindanu told police he was putting up a furniture business in Toledo with the help of a female friend.

The policemen, however, became suspicious after they discovered four fax machines, computers and a telephone unit inside Bindanu's rented room.

Bindanu's unpaid telephone bills had reached P310,000. He reportedly made calls to five countries, among them the United States, Bangladesh and Kuwait.

Jhunnex Napallacan, PDI Visayas Bureau

Bayan leader gunned down in Bulacan

SAN MIGUEL, Bulacan—Three motorcycle-riding men gunned down a leader of the Bagong Alyansang Makabayan and Bayan Muna in Barangay Tartaro here on Thursday.

Wilfredo Mananghaya, also a councilor of Barangay Sibul here, suffered bullet wounds in the head and nape. He was the first Bayan leader in the province killed in an ambush, said Fr. Ety Ignacio, Bayan secretary general in Bulacan.

Police said Mananghaya was driving his tricycle with three passengers when the armed men fired at him, killing him instantly.

Recovered from the scene were three 9 mm bullet shells.

One of Mananghaya's passengers, Allan Villavicencio, immediately reported the killing to the police.

The Alyansa ng Mamamayan para sa Pantaong Karapatan (ALMMA) denounced the killing, saying Mananghaya had "always been in the forefront of the people's protest against marble quarrying in Biak na Bato National Park in (San Miguel) town."

"He was also actively involved in stopping the machinations of the Department of Agrarian Reform-San Miguel in implementing policies and directives in favor of landlords," ALMMA said.

ALMMA leaders said they believed soldiers from the Scout Ranger regiment based in Camp Tecson here were behind the killing.

But Senior Supt. Edgardo Acuña, Bulacan police director, could not confirm this and ordered an investigation of Mananghaya's killing.

Jose Munsayac, Bayan Muna chair in Bulacan, condemned the killing as the "return of militarization in the province."

Weeks before the killing, the motorcycle used by the armed men was seen near the military camp, residents told Bayan Muna and ALMMA officials.

Aside from being a Bayan Muna leader here, Mananghaya was also president of parents-teachers associations in Sibul elementary and high schools and he was also head of the tricycle drivers' group in the village.

Carmela Reyes, PDI Central Luzon Desk

Clan attacks Aussie, wife in Negros town

BACOLOD CITY—A family of five attacked an Australian and his Negrense wife on Wednesday in Barangay Poblacion, San Enrique town, about 37.3 kilometers south of this city.

Mervin Mate, 50, was confined at the Sanitarium Hospital in Bacolod for wounds in the head and neck. He also suffered bruises in the left eye and in different parts of the body.

Mate's wife, Juvy, suffered cuts in the head and mouth, said Insp. Rogelio Jundos, San Enrique police chief, in his report to Senior Supt. Geary Barias, Negros Occidental police director.

Jundos identified the suspects as Elmer, Martin, Elvin, Violy and Mary Joy, all surnamed Murillo, and neighbors of the victims.

Initial police investigation showed that the couple was on their way home in Sitio Ambacan when they were waylaid and attacked by the Murillo family members.

Mate was beaten. He was hit in the head with stones and pipe. He also suffered a shallow hack wound in the left side of his neck.

Juvy was hit in the head and the mouth but she was able to flee from their assailants.

Police said the attack might have been triggered by a personal grudge after the Mate couple linked the Murillo family members to a series of robbery cases in the barangay.

Carla Gomez, PDI Visayas Bureau

Pilot survives Cessna plane crash in Mactan

CEBU CITY—A government aircraft crashed in Sitio Iba, Basak, Lapulapu City, Mactan Island about 2 p.m. on Wednesday, shortly after it took off from the Mactan Cebu International Airport.

The pilot, Capt. Wesley Mills, 68, of Lahug, Cebu City, was not hurt. Mills was bound for Iloilo City in connection with his job at the Department of Agriculture.

Manuel Tompar, chief of the Mactan airport tower, said the single engine four-seat Cessna plane, registered as RP 242, took off from the MCIA at 1:50 p.m.

He said the plane was already 360 feet up in the air when its engine malfunctioned. The plane crashed in an open field in Sitio Iba.

SPO1 Dennis Malinao of the Lapulapu police station, said damage to the plane was very small.

"According to Mills, the cause of the crash was engine trouble, which was due to contaminated fuel," said Malinao in Cebuano.

Malinao said Mills, an American who gained Filipino citizenship, also worked as an aircraft consultant for the Bureau of Lands for 23 years. *Jhunnex Napallacan, PDI Visayas Bureau*

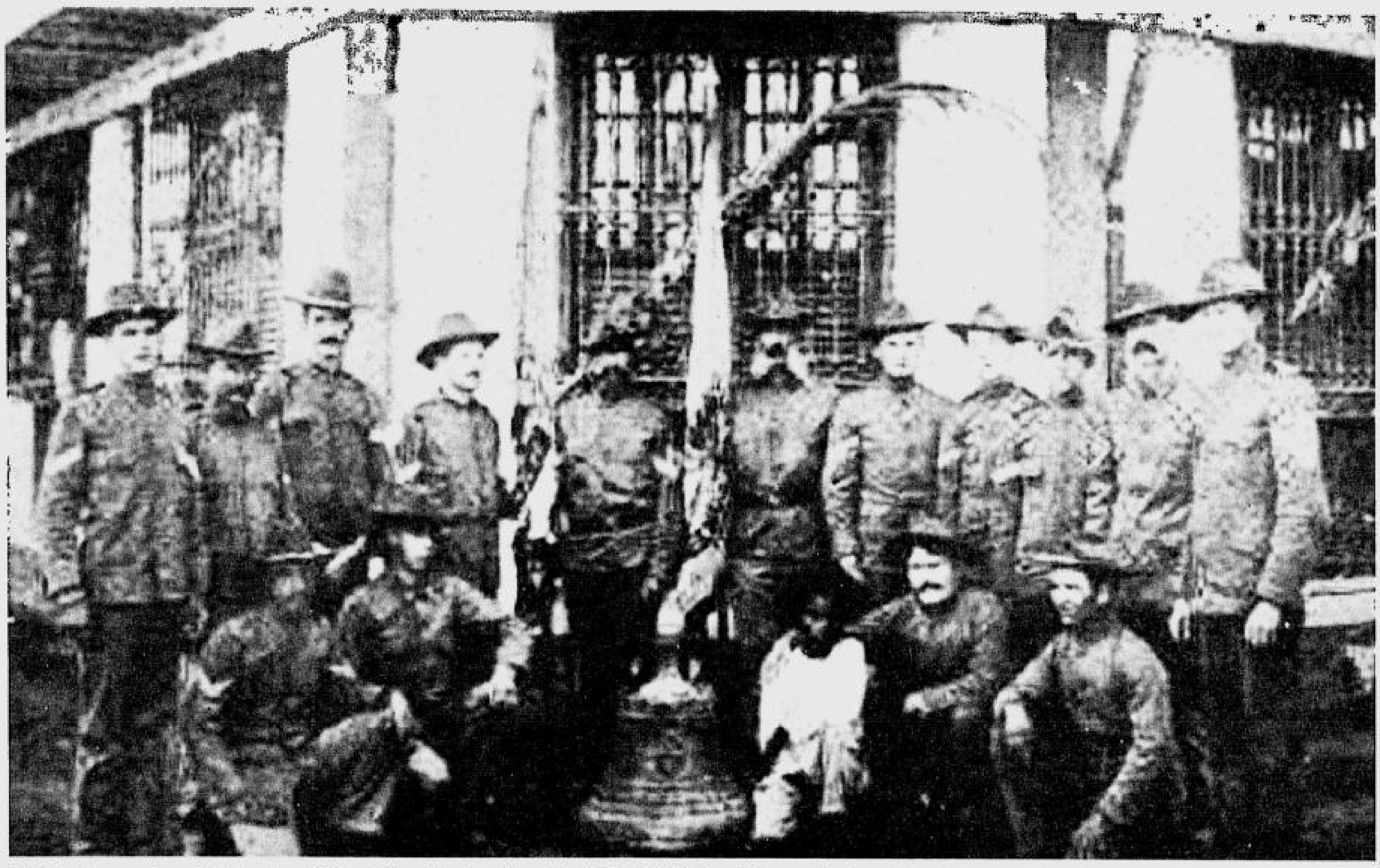
INQUIRER Visayas
JUN BANDAYREL, Editor ■ EDRALYN L. BENEDICTO, Bureau Chief

What went wrong in Balangiga

By Bob Couttie
Tacloban City

MOST tragedies consist of an unavoidable situation made inevitable by inappropriate decisions based on inadequate information. Every tragedy has an RMS Titanic, a Captain Smith, and an iceberg.

> 'Letters between American survivors talk explicitly of a secret that must never be revealed, a truth that must never be written'



SOME of the survivors of Balangiga with the bell used to signal the attack. Pvt. Adolph Gamlin is standing fourth from right. PHOTO COURTESY OF LEYTE-SAMAR STUDIES JOURNAL

What happened in Balangiga, Eastern Samar, on Sept. 28, 1901 was no different.

About 500 townsfolk attacked a garrison set up by Company C of the 9th United States Infantry. About two-thirds of the soldiers were killed while a handful were injured but managed to escape.

The Filipino losses were relatively modest in comparison, possibly as few as 40.

Beyond these bare facts, however, published accounts often verge on the fantastic and fanciful. What really caused the uprising? How were the townsfolk able to carry out such an audacious attack on experienced combat veterans?

These questions had been addressed by a Balangiga research team consisting of Prof. Rolando Borrinaga of the University of the Philippines in Palo town, Leyte; Jean Wall-Fee, whose father, Pvt. Adolph Gamlin, was the first American soldier to be attacked in Balangiga; and this writer, a British journalist and broadcaster.

The three scoured public and private collections and knowledgeable persons in the Philippines and in the US for sources. In the process, they unearthed new data and insights that led to a new understanding of what really happened in Balangiga a century ago.

The team will make an interim report during a press conference in Tacloban City on Sept. 26, two days before the centennial of the Balangiga Encounter.

While the report will not be released until then, the detailed study shows that both sides made significant errors of judgment and of commission.

The officers of Company C were not new to the Philippines, nor were they strangers to its culture because they had been in the country since 1899. They also had combat experience in Cuba and China.

Other than performing provost duty within the relatively safe confines of Manila, their experience was limited to conventional battlefield warfare and not administering a civilian population. They were inexperienced in bush warfare under jungle conditions.

Many of the ordinary soldiers were fresh from their basic training in the US. They had joined the company in Manila to replace the casualties of the Boxer Rebellion in China.

When Company C left for Balangiga, it was roughly one-third of its usual strength.

Friendly but dangerous

By 1901, American military officers were fully aware that Filipinos could be friendly *amigos* by day and fierce bolo-wielding guerrillas by night. So there was no reason for Company C to lower its guard just because the Balangigans smiled at them or did not strike them with a bolo at the first opportunity.

Based on survivors' accounts, it was clear that an attack was expected. Not only were they aware that they were in enemy territory, but a bloody war was also in progress and attacks were common.

Capt. Thomas Connell, the Company C commander then, was doubly warned about this by a family friend, Lt. Col. Roger Foote, during his visit to Balangiga on Sept. 7, 1901.

At that time, however, there was a belief that Gen. Vicente Lukban, the Filipino military governor of Samar, was weak and disorganized. The Samareños reportedly disliked and even hated him.

It was very poor intelligence information. Lukban was successfully in charge of Samar with a high level of loyalty from the townsfolk, as the US forces would discover later.

The Balangigans had little reason to trust foreigners or outsiders; they usually spelt trouble. Their experience was of occupation as in the case of the Spaniards, or of the Moro raiders or slave traders who operated until the middle of the 19th century.

The locals would be polite, even hospitable, but not overfriendly.

Survivors' accounts confirmed that the local people, who were Warays, were very different from the people of Luzon to whom the Company C was accustomed with.

Connell's error

Connell seemed to have assumed that an attack would come from the outside and that the main danger was to the patrols he occasionally dispatched without incident.

Outside the plaza, his men were fully armed with bayonets fixed and magazines full. Only at meal times were they allowed to go without their rifles. Those who went bathing were protected by as many as five guards on the beach.

Connell was aware of the danger from the outside. But his assumption that this was where the danger lay was a major error.

The guard posts were set up in such a way that each guard could see the other around the plaza to make it difficult for bolo men to creep up on them. Guerrilla attacks tended to be noisy and the guerrillas would have to penetrate the town to do much damage, giving the Americans plenty of warning.

In any case, attacking an entire garrison was not the general style of the guerrillas, although it did happen from time to time.

Given these assumptions, allowing the men to go without their weapons was not unreasonable. The Krag rifles were heavy and the men were uncomfortable enough.

While a majority of weapons were racked—but not locked up—in the municipal hall, there were also weapons in the two subsidiary barracks in the Salazar and Belaez houses. It would take only seconds to reach them to fight off a bolo attack.

Cultural problems

But Connell's assumptions were wrong. He also ran into severe cultural problems.

Several events led to the attack itself. Among these was the alleged abuse of women.

Although American writers like Joseph Schott, who wrote "The Ordeal of Samar" (1964), went into great detail about an alleged rape, this did not seem to have much basis in fact. Even Filipino accounts said little about rape.

What might have happened was a bit of horseplay got too rough. The American soldiers probably expected the same sort of response they got in Manila where their only female contacts were ladies of "commercial virtues."

To the Balangigans, however, this was an unacceptable behavior.

There was also the theft of food from the locals. Later, the Americans seized and destroyed rice stocks to prevent these from reaching the guerrillas.

Food has a special role in the Filipino culture and psyche far beyond its importance as sustenance. It is a part of the social structure and sense of identity, in a way that the Mass has the same role among Catholics.

Almost the worst thing one can do to a Filipino is to take away his or her food. The most shameful act is to "break his rice bowl," whatever else you might do.

It is difficult for a Westerner to connect with this, and Connell did not.

At the time of the seizures in 1901, the rainy or monsoon season was already in.

During this period, there would be no harvesting or drying of rice. Fishing would also be severely limited. For the next few months, the people would be dependent on bananas and root crops growing around their houses, the very same crops that Connell ordered cut down.

The Balangigans feared that they would starve during the months of famine before the rice harvest in November. They had, in effect, been sentenced to death.

The final nail in Company C's coffin was the imprisonment and forced labor of about 100 men. This community had suffered the depredations of slave raiders until less than a century before, and now they were experiencing it again.

The Americans had also brought *awod* to the men for putting them in prison and forcing them to work. *Awod* is a Waray word, which loosely means shame. The only way to remove the *awod* was to take revenge as publicly as possible.

By shaming the men, Connell had forced them into a situation in which they had no choice but to attack Company C for the sake of honor.

Ironically, one of the jobs given to the prisoners was the re-roofing of the barracks, a task that required bamboo ladders to be erected. The same ladders would later be used in the attack.

Even so, it might have resulted in a fairly minor and survivable incident were it not for the astonishing lack of notice given to clear signs that something was wrong.

Unusual activity inside the church went uninvestigated.

Sgt. Frank Betron, who later led Company C's daring escape to Basey town, was warned of an attack by a Filipino friend. He reported this to his superiors but he was ignored.

On the night of the attack, Pvt. Adolph Gamlin, a guard, saw the town's women and children being evacuated. He reported this but was also ignored.

Connell also failed to set up an effective intelligence gathering. A Filipino descendant said Connell was angry because he was not getting any information.

Native errors

The errors, however, were not entirely on the American side.

Pedro Duran, a police sergeant, said the attackers were assigned to each of the American guards. But one man failed to kill his target, resulting in the death of 16 Filipinos.

The target was Gamlin and his assigned attacker was Valeriano Abanador, the local chief of police and overall commander of the attack.

Abanador's failure to kill Gamlin might have played a major role in the battle's turnaround because Gamlin was able to secure a rifle and start firing.

A second major error was that insufficient numbers of attackers were assigned to take the two subsidiary barracks and the mess tents. It was from in and around these points that the American soldiers were able to find the rifles, regroup and turn the attack around.

In these areas of the attack, the Balangigans had little more than two-to-one superiority, far less than prudence would recommend.

Had the guerrillas succeeded in killing or capturing all the Americans, the attack might have gone undetected for several days, even weeks. Other attacks might have occurred in Basey and elsewhere in the interim.

But the outcome would have been much the same.

Gen. Jacob Smith would still be sent to Samar. The US Marines would still do their work. The island would still become "a howling wilderness" after the soldiers burned the houses and the farms, forcing to natives to disappear to the forest.

A secret

Although the Filipino and American accounts closely agree, both are known to be incomplete due to a secret that has never been made public.

Letters between US survivors talk explicitly of a secret that must never be revealed, a truth that must never be written. A similar code of silence appeared to have been enforced among the Balangigans, some descendants said.

The secret could not probably concern the ill treatment and alleged abuse by the American soldiers. By the time the American letters were written, and the Filipino survivors had revealed the secret to their descendants, these were already in the public domain and too late to re-ignite resistance to American rule.

But it was so important to keep the secret. When the people returned to Balangiga after the surrender of Filipino forces in Samar on April 27, 1902, Abanador and the town mayor, Pedro Abayan, were allowed to resume the very posts that gave them authority to attack Company C.

The two remained largely unsupervised by the US officials despite the roles they played in the attack, the worst that the US Army had suffered since General Custer's loss in the Battle of Little Bighorn in Montana.

Just before his death, Gamlin, who had kept his silence, hinted at a solution to the secret's puzzle. A new examination of existing evidence is providing a firm lead to the secret that could never be told.

Even a century after it happened, the attack at the Balangiga still has the ability to intrigue and puzzle researchers.

The other world

ECHOES FROM LEYTE

Loly Perez Isiderio

IN THE LAST few months, it seemed that the only big world was out there where top officials had been hugging the headlines. Our eyes were glued to the TV and watched the telenovelas and other mini-series—the more gripping dramas of the alleged military-Abu Sayyaf collusion, and the Ping Lacson-Victor Corpus-Ador Mawanay and the Rosebud-Campos tragicomic misalliances.

Whatever happens in the national scene, we in Leyte are also affected somehow.

First, the good news. Like in Dumaguete City, where the Silliman University celebrated their centennial, we had the 77th anniversary of the Visayas State College of Agriculture (Visca) in Baybay town. Visca has been converted into a full-fledged university called the Leyte State University.

Dr. Paciencia Milan, last head of the Visca, received her investiture as the first President of the 77-year-old institution. The women members of the old and new Congresses really helped in this event. Former Leyte Rep. Ma. Catalina Loreto Go (fifth district) prepared the bill, which was authored by Sen. Tessie Aquino-Oreta and endorsed by Sen. Loren Legarda.

Another woman gives us some good news. Gov. Remedios Petilla told us that 16 barangays in six Leyte towns would soon be energized under the "O Ilaw Program" of the national government. It is believed that this is now in the works.

Another good news is the P12-million environmental project in Tacloban, which will reportedly start soon. This is under the auspices of the Philippine-German Development Cooperation. The city government will be responsible for identifying pilot areas for the project.

On the alleged connivance between the Abu-Sayyaf and some military officers, Brig. Gen. Romeo Dominguez, former commanding officer of the Army's First Infantry Division, is now assigned in the Eastern Visayas as 8th ID commander based in Catbalogan town, Samar. So this matter impinges on us here. For good or ill, who knows?

About fire hazards. According to media reports, 11 hotels in Eastern Visayas have been found to be virtual firetraps. This is bad news for our tourism industry, especially now that Tourism Secretary Richard Gordon is looking at Leyte as an alternative tourist destination.

Another bit of news is rather up close and personal. If you look at the Sept. 2 issue of the Inquirer (Page C2), the pictures are all about Monsignor Socrates Villegas. On the last column, second from the top photo is one of Monsignor Soc hugging Sister Lut, who is from Palo, Leyte and is my cousin. It was Sister Lut whom we in the family called the Handmaid to Sin.

She invited then Father Soc to say Mass for my husband who died in Cubao, Quezon City, in 1988. Until now, I still follow what Monsignor Soc said in that Mass at the Arlington Funeral Homes: "Pray to him for he is there now."

Reading all about Monsignor Soc now, I realize his words of wisdom were said when he was then a newly ordained priest. And he is now only about half my age.

My last piece is either good or bad news, or may not be of much consequence. But for us who regard former Gov. Benjamin "Kokoy" Romualdez as an icon of sorts, the "Whatever Happened To . . . (PDI, 09/06/01)" column on Page A7 explains a lot.

It was not clear why after preparations (by substitution) had been all laid-out for him, he decided at the last minute not to run for governor in the May 14 elections. Perhaps he had read it in the stars.

Nowadays, Kokoy is very visible in the province. He is seen in every town fiesta and even in large barangays that observe their own fiestas. Speculations are strong that he will definitely run in 2004.

Spying on cheats is good business

(From page A1)

clients with an all-too-common predicament.

Cheung runs a detective firm that specializes in hunting down Hong Kong's philandering husbands, many of whom have married second wives in mainland China or taken mistresses there.

Business has been booming as factories move from Hong Kong to mainland China in search of cheaper labor, and a new Chinese law against infidelity will likely keep Cheung even busier.

He's recruiting more staff—adding to his current team of 14—and is stocking up on more new equipment to catch the cheaters.

Cheung says he's been dealing with more than 10 cases of infidelity per month since China passed its law in April that can force philanderers to pay compensation to spouses or spend up to two years in prison. A year ago, Cheung had just three or four such cases a month.

The straying husbands can be fairly easy prey.

"You send someone to follow the husband to China, and once he steps out of the train station, our team in China will take over and follow him," Cheung said. "Many go straight to their mistress' place. It's not that hard, really."

Many Hong Kong men have long been able to afford more than one woman, and often the second wife or mistress is just across the border.

As factories moved from Hong Kong to mainland China, many businessmen started spending more time there. They found themselves popular with young mainland women desperate to seek a better standard of living.

With China growing so rapidly that more mainland men can behave the same way, officials passed the new marriage law to fight back.

Aggrieved women

It's not clear how many aggrieved Hong Kong women can take advantage of the law. The legal systems in Hong Kong and mainland China are different. Many people here have no idea how to go to court in China, and most are simply not rich enough to pay for a detective.

Hong Kong's legal aid system won't cover actions on the mainland.

Cheung said he charges around $1,900 per day to track down unfaithful husbands.

Another detective, who only identified herself as Li, said a photograph of a philanderer and his new companion together would cost $385.

"Some women are so desperate they would even sell or pawn their jewelry to pay for the service," said Cheung. Others take out loans, he said.

Emotional hurdle

Perhaps an even bigger hurdle for many victims than money is an emotional one, marriage counselors say.

Some worry about their husbands turning violent, and many try to avoid shame. Although divorce is becoming more common in Hong Kong, many Chinese still consider it a disgrace that extends to the family.

A 54-year-old woman, who would only identify herself as Lam, said she spent a long time tracking down the affairs of her 60-year-old husband.

Lam says she can prove that he fathered a child with a young mainland woman five years ago—but she has yet to file any legal actions because she wants to avoid embarrassing her family.

"I have gathered enough evidence to sue him," Lam said. "But I feel so pained and torn. I don't want to shame my children."

"To sue, you need to be rich," said Paulina Kwok at the Caritas marriage counseling service. "Most wives are struggling to make ends meet already—instead of splashing out on legal cost they need money to bring up their children."

And some husbands disappear, making claims almost impossible.

Despite the difficulties, Lam welcomes the new law.

Even though she hasn't decided whether she'll sue her husband yet, she thinks the law gives her more bargaining power.

"I think the new legislation does work," Lam said. "My husband has been very careful with how he deals with me and has promised to leave his mistress. Well, I just have to wait and see." *AP*

Missing figure soars to 6,333

(From page A1)

confirmed dead; India, 91 missing; Canada, 35-50 missing; Japan, 24; Australia, 20, with three dead; Colombia, 20 missing, with one dead; and the Philippines, 18 missing with two dead.

The number of Filipinos dead and missing was officially reported by the Philippine consulate general in New York, the Department of Foreign Affairs in Manila said yesterday.

DFA spokesperson Victoriano Lecaros said the consulate based its figure on information received from the Family Assistance Center under Giuliani's office, with which it regularly coordinates to get updates on persons reported missing.

"Our official toll stands at two Filipinos dead and 18 missing," Lecaros said.

The DFA's official figures contradict yesterday's INQUIRER report that seven Filipinos were confirmed dead and 428 were missing and feared dead.

The report was based on figures provided by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, which oversees disaster relief in the United States.

Asked about the conflicting figures at her press conference in Malacañang, President Macapagal-Arroyo said: "Well, we go by the federal report that came out in the newspaper (yesterday)."

9th straight day

Rescue workers hunting for survivors in the rubble of the World Trade Center toiled in vain for the ninth straight day, but there now appeared next to no chance of pulling out anyone alive.

The bodies of 241 people have been found so far. Of those, 170 have been identified by the coroner. Funerals were held Thursday for eight of the more than 300 city firefighters lost in the Sept. 11 attack.

Giuliani acknowledged that the 1,100-degree Celsius fire caused by the explosions of the two planes and the implosion of the 110-story towers of the World Trade Center made it likely that some victims would never be recovered.

"Even weeks ahead, while we're removing stuff, obviously we're going to be looking," he said. "Right now, the possibilities still remain. They're slim, but they still remain."

US officials have given tallies that add up to 6,807 dead or missing in all the attacks of Sept. 11, but they have not established the total number of Americans among the victims.

At the Pentagon, 189 people are confirmed dead or missing. So far, 113 bodies have been recovered, of which 18 have been identified.

The figure of the missing in both New York and Washington includes the passengers and crew of the two hijacked aircraft that crashed into the World Trade Center and the one that flew into the Pentagon.

Adding the hijacked plane that crashed in Pennsylvania, the number of people on the four planes is given as 265.

Giuliani said 6,291 people were injured in the attack on New York and that more than 80 area hospitals treated people afterward.

At least 30 remained in five Manhattan hospitals that saw the majority of patients following the attack.

Same name

Earlier, the DFA identified the dead Filipinos as Ruben Ornedo and Romeo Gamboa, who were on board the hijacked American Airlines and United Airlines flights that crashed into the World Trade Center and the Pentagon.

The consulate in New York yesterday said one of 19 Filipinos listed as missing as of the other day was alive.

It said the name of Lyn Corea Gray was apparently included in the list "because one of those reported missing shares the same name with a Filipina also working at the World Trade Center."

The others reported missing by the consulate are Cesar Alviar, Marlyn Bautista, Grace Alegre Cua, Jay Ciril Dichavez, Benilda Domingo, Judy Fernandez, Bernardo Gallardo, Ramon Grihalvo, Frederick Kuo Jr., Arnold Lim, Manuel Lopez, Carl Allen Peralta, Rufino Flores Santos, Maritess Santillan, David N. Sullins, Larry Sumaya, Hector Tamayo and Cynthia Motus-Wilson (who was earlier reported as Cynthia Betita). ***Reports from AP, Dona Pazzibugan and Martin P. Marfil***

Celebration.

Married life is best summed up in one word: sharing.
Giving your time and energy to those who matter most is important in this stage of life.
Philamlife, the country's largest and most diversified insurance company,
is doing its share to bring joy to your loved ones by providing for their needs.
Now that's a reason to celebrate, right?

Invest for your children's education and your family's life insurance and medical needs,
save up for a family car, or even plan your own retirement -- everything it takes to ensure
a bright future for you and your family.

PHILAM LIFE Excelife
A professional's first complete yet inexpensive life insurance package

PHILAM LIFE Pension Builder
A safe alternative investment with guaranteed cash benefits and life insurance coverage

PHILAM LIFE VERSA Life
Five pre-packaged plans with benefits and advantages suited for your various needs

Talk to your Philamlife agent now or call
(02) 528-2000 / 0919-6221540 for inquiries.
Or visit the nearest Philamlife office. You can also reach us in Hong Kong (852)-2591-2218.

www.ephilam.com

The Philam Group of Companies offers you a full range of personal financial services: Philam Insurance Property & Casualty Insurance • Philam Care Health Care Management • Philam Plans Pre-need Plans • Philam Savings Bank Savings & Mortgage • Philam Asset Management Mutual Fund Investments • Philam Properties Property Development • AIG Credit Card Company Philippines, Inc. Credit Card Products

PURCHASE A HOUSE & LOT OR REFINANCE YOUR EXISTING HOUSING LOAN
at 15% interest p.a. FIXED for 10 YRS or 16% interest p.a. FIXED for 20 YEARS! CALL 885-87-64 to 70 NOW!

An experience made better by

PHILAM LIFE
Live life now.

AIG A Member of American International Group, Inc.

LIFE • PERSONAL ACCIDENT • CREDIT LIFE • PENSIONS • GROUP LIFE • GROUP MEDICAL • FIRE • AUTO • HOUSING LOAN

YES! I want to know more about Philamlife products. P.D.I. 9/22
Name: ____
Occupation: ____ Birthday: __/__/__ mm dd yyyy
Home Address: ____
Home Phone: ____ Fax/Pager/Cell/E-mail: ____
Business Address: ____ Business Phone: ____

Please send this coupon to Product Marketing Department, PHILAMLIFE INSURANCE CO., 1440 U.N. Avenue, Manila or fax to 526-9570.

Rafter loss gives Swedes 1-0 lead

JOHANSSON AP

SYDNEY, Australia — Thomas Johansson rallied from two sets down to beat Pat Rafter 3-6, 6-7 (8-10), 6-3, 6-2, 6-3 Friday and give Sweden a 1-0 lead in the Davis Cup semifinal against Australia.

Johansson, Sweden's top-ranked player at No. 18 in the 2001 Champions Race, had three match points at 5-3 and closed out on his second with a powerful first serve.

US Open champion Lleyton Hewitt will attempt to level when he plays Sweden's Jonas Bjorkman later Friday in the second singles match.

The doubles will be played Saturday and the reverse singles on Sunday at Sydney's International Tennis Center, tennis venue for the 2000 Olympics.

Rafter dominated the opening sets but, with nothing to lose, Johansson went for broke and opened up a range of attacking strokes.

"For sure, it was my best match so far—to come back from two sets, especially against Pat," Johansson said. "I was surprised myself."

"After the third set I could see he was tired and I felt good out there—I just had to keep him away from the net."

Rafter,said he "went to sleep" after the first two sets.

"I knew what was going on but I couldn't get out of that negative rut," the world No. 4 said. "I became flat and predictable ... everything came into his zone and he made me pay for it."

After winning the first game of the third, Johansson didn't concede a point on serve for the remainder of the set. *AP*

MBA 2ND PHASE

Slashers blast Patriots

GAMES TOMORROW *(San Luis Sports Complex)*
3:00 p.m.—Negros vs Socsargen
5:30 p.m.—Batangas vs Laguna

By Roy Luarca

IN a high-scoring game, the Negros Slashers usually win.

The Nueva Ecija Patriots found this out again yesterday when they bowed to the Slashers, 111-99, in the MBA Second Phase at the Tinga Gym in Taguig.

Matching the Patriots' speed and coming through with Blitz 3s, the Slashers pulled away early in the fourth quarter and went on to post their second straight win that shoved them on top of the eight-team field.

Andok's San Juan drew 32 points from Chris Calaguio to subdue Socsargen-Taguig, 94-82, in the second game and level its slate at 1-1.

The Marlins suffered their fourth straight defeat.

Dino Aldeguer's two steals that netted him Blitz 3's sparked a 16-5 run that pushed Negros to a 97-82 spread from a precarious four-point lead.

The Patriots rallied to within 99-106 through the efforts of Francis Aquino, but Ruben dela Rosa sealed the outcome with a freethrow and another Blitz 3 with only 45 seconds to go.

Nueva Ecija's first defeat in the three games, pulled it down to third place behind Negros and idle LBC Batangas.

John Ferriols was unstoppable inside the paint in the second quarter, coming through with 14 of his 23 points that gave Negros a 55-54 lead at halftime.

The 1998 MVP also hauled down 10 rebounds, had four steals and two blocks and was named best player of the game.

Nueva Ecija surprised Negros in the first quarter behind Bryant Punzalan, who made 11 points, in that span for a 29-24 Patriots advantage.

The Slashers, however, tightened their defenses and with Ferriols at the firing end, wrested control at 40-36.

Scores:

NEGROS 111—Ferriols 23, Hugnatan 15, Cardel 13, Bat-og 12, Dela Rosa 11, Huelar 10, Aldeguer 9, White 7, Ignacio 4, Benedicto 3, Madrid 2, Tierra 2.

N. ECIJA 99—Punzalan 18, Bautista 14, Aquino 14, Bansil 12, Ferma 10, Allen 10, Manucar 7, Malonzo 6, Chaneco 3, Magat 3, De Guzman 2.

Quarters: 24-29, 5-54, 81-77, 111-99.

'NC' knockout matches today

GAMES TODAY
(Rizal Memorial Coliseum)
12 nn—San Beda vs San Sebastian (jrs)
1:30p.m.—Mapua vs San Sebastian (srs)
3 p.m.—Mapua vs Letran (jrs)
5 p.m.—St. Benilde vs Jose Rizal (srs)

By June Navarro

JOSE Rizal University will have a final crack at a championship appearance when it faces College of St. Benilde today in a knockout Final Four showdown of the NCAA men's basketball championship at the Rizal Memorial Coliseum.

The top-seeded Heavy Bombers squandered a twice-to-beat edge after dropping a 98-84 decision against the Blazers, who clinched the last semifinal slot after going through the eye of a needle Thursday night.

The Heavy Bombers should beat the defending champion Blazers in their 5 p.m. encounter so as not to waste the 11-3 record they piled up during the double-round elimination.

But that seems to be a tall order as the Blazers possess the psychological advantage owing to a recent setback they dealt on the Bombers prior to their victory last Thursday.

The Blazers' 84-74 triumph over the Heavy Bombers early this week allowed them to secure the last spot in the Final Four.

The winner in today's do-or-die tiff will automatically advance to the Finals against the winner between San Sebastian College and Mapua Tech, protagonists in the other semifinal battle.

Just like the Bombers, the Stags relinquished their twice-to-beat perk after yielding to the Cardinals, 65-58, in an encounter that surprised the expectant crowd rallying behind the Stags.

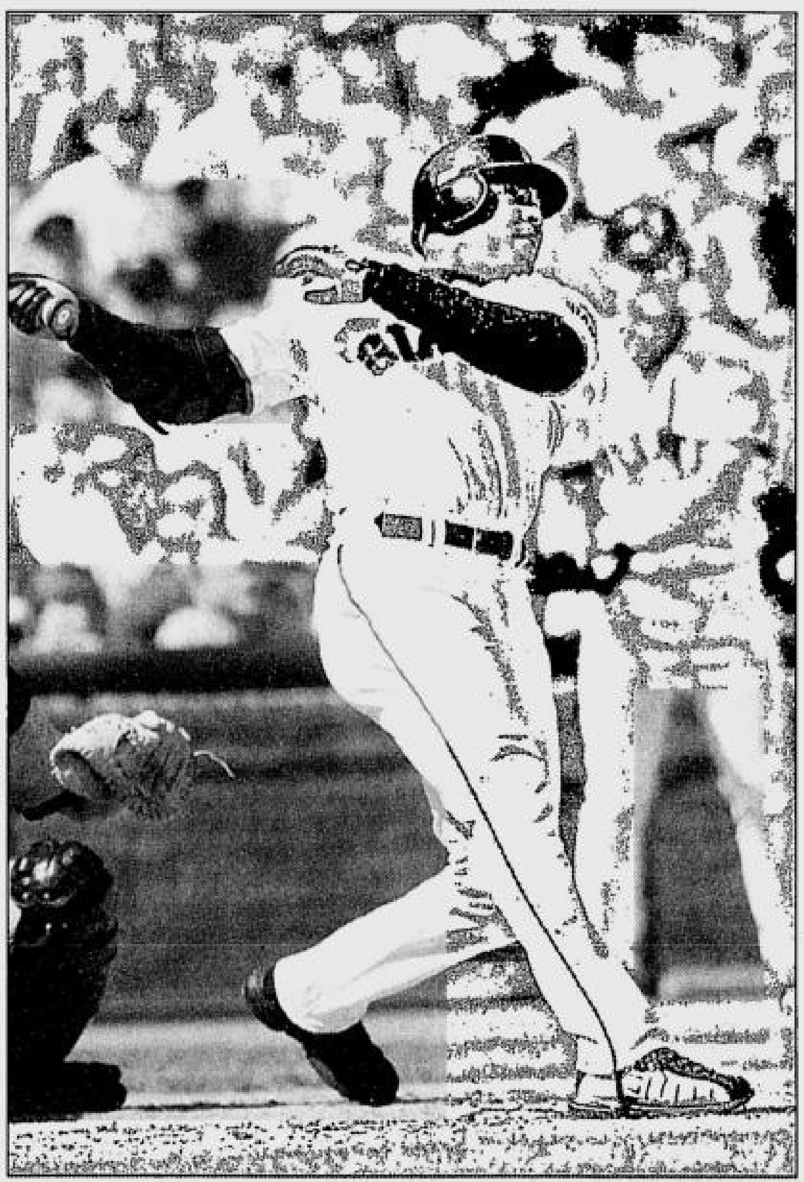
Owner of five straight titles in the '90s and last year's losing finalist, the Stags were expected to eliminate the Cardinals with relative ease due to their deep bench and star-studded lineup.

In the junior division, reigning titlists Mapua Red Robins shoot for another victory against the Letran Squires that would catapult them to a second straight Finals appearance.

The San Beda Red Cubs, meanwhile, will attempt to duplicate their win over the San Sebastian Staglets in the other semifinal collision to regain their status as perennial champions in the junior division.

Meanwhile, JRU's Ernani Epondulan leaped-frog from 12th place to wrest the lead in the MVP race after the elimination round.

Epondulan accumulated a player all-around value of 25.30 to seize the top spot from San Beda's Arjun Cordero, who compiled a total of 24.81 PAV points.


AP

64TH HOMER

San Francisco Giants' Barry Bonds watches his 64th home run off Houstno Astros starting pitcher Wade Miller in the fifth inning of their National League game in San Francisco on Thursday. The Astros won, 5-4.

Goosen ahead by 2; players pay respects

SAINT NOM LA BRETECHE, France—Keeping last week's terrorist attacks in the United States out of his mind, US Open champion Retief Goosen shot a 7-under-par 64 Thursday to take a 2-stroke lead in the first round of the Lancome Trophy.

After bogeys on two of the first three holes, Goosen ran off seven birdies in succession from the 4th on the way to a total that was one shot outside the course record for the 6,903-yard layout.

"No, I didn't really think about the events last week. I felt like it was time to get ahead and play the game," the South African said.

As the European Tour resumed, players held a one-minute silence during the first round Thursday to pay their respects to victims of the attacks last Tuesday on New York and Washington.

Sergio Garcia was among those playing when the klaxon sounded to begin the minute of respect.

"Before the minute's silence it had been dry. As soon as the minute began, it started to rain," Garcia said. "It was as if the sky was crying."

Goosen led by two strokes from eight players. Michael Lundberg of Sweden, Andrew Coltart and Gary Orr of Scotland and Stephen Webster of England all returned 5-under-par morning rounds of 66 before Goosen had begun.

Scott Gardiner of Australia, Jean Hugo of South Africa, who birdied the last four holes, and Mark Roe and Gary Emerson of England later joined them. There was another large group on 67 while Garcia was one of many on 68.

Tournament favorite Colin Montgomerie returned a 4-over-par 75 that included some wayward drives and left him sharing 126th place. He did not look unduly upset afterward, although he declined to comment on his round. *AP*

RACING TIPS

AT SANTA ANA By Mr. 999

Race 1—1. Free Bee 2. Duces Tecum 3. Headline News 4. Golden Quest

Race 2—1. Waving Task 2. Cherish Emblem 3. Roman Dance 4. Classy Babe

Race 3—1. Vice on Ice 2. Alleviator 3. The Painter 4. Impeccable 5. Boss Lino

Race 4—1. Boogie Shoes 2. Cest Magnifique 3. Worth Ur While 4. King Size 5. Pen Tristram

Race 5—1. Bohemyo 2. Fair Ringer 3. Smart Kevin 4. Cool Zam 5. Rivine Master

Race 6—1. Real Material 2. Apple Splash 3. Sensei 4. La Signorina 5. Wing Commander 6. Isabel's Gossip

Race 7—1. Midnight Rose 2. Lyonnais 3. Noble Regent 4. Ysabela

Race 8—1. The King 2. Something Silver 3. Corporate Law 4. Bravada 5. Gallop for Gold

Race 9—1. Art of Rose 2. Silver Lining 3. Cue Artist 4. Memorabilia 5. Expresso

Race 10—1. Ikaw 2. Morning Glory 3. Danielle's Angel 4. Perfect Lyza 5. Jomangie

Race 11—1. Party Princess 2. Sunny View 3. Baptism of Fire 4. Precious Time 5. Golden Tale

Race 12—1. Aprey's Choice 2. Guts Pleaser 3. Nevada Rhum

Race 13—1. Gemstone 2. Gold Pyramid 3. Speed Master 4. Silky Sullivan 5. My Indy 6. Something Best

Davao entries sizzle

CENTRAL Davao collected 160 points yesterday to zoom ahead by 11 over Dadiangas as hometown bets dominated the first day of play in the southern leg of the Rotary Golfing Fellowship Foundation of the Philippines (RGFFP) tournament at the Rancho Palos Verdes and Apo courses in Davao City.

Davao teams actually took three of the top four positions as North Davao II was in third at 141 and Matina Davao was close in fourth at 140 going into the final day of action on Friday in both courses.

There are 268 players from all over the country seeing action in this two-day event and going for the top awards to be given away during the awarding ceremonies at the Waterfront Hotel.

Nobody won the P1 million prize up for grabs for a hole-in-one feat donated by seaboard Eastern Insurance of Joe Halili-Co in Day 1. It is again at stake on the second day including the prizes totaling more than P300,000 donated by major sponsor Taylor Made Adidas.

Jun Ramos, Perry Cubar, Rolly Tongco and Dado Mahipus all shared the individual lead with the maximum allowed scores of 42 points each.

The southern tilt is one of the major events in the annual calendar of events of the RGFFP.

BASEBALL RESULTS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	W	L	PCT	GB
	East			
New York	88	58	.603	
Boston	74	70	.514	13
Toronto	72	74	.493	16
Baltimore	56	89	.386	31 1/2
Tampa Bay	51	95	.349	37
	Central			
Cleveland	84	63	.571	
Minnesota	78	69	.531	6
Chicago	75	72	.510	9
Detroit	58	88	.397	25 1/2
Kansas City	58	88	.397	25 1/2
	West			
x-Seattle	106	41	.721	
Oakland	89	58	.605	17
Anaheim	74	73	.503	32
Texas	67	80	.456	39

x-clinched division

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct	GB
	East			
Atlanta	79	67	.541	
Philadelphia	76	69	.531	1 1/2
New York	74	73	.503	5 1/2
Florida	68	78	.466	11
Montreal	63	84	.429	16 1/2
	Central			
Houston	87	59	.596	
St. Louis	83	64	.565	4 1/2
Chicago	80	66	.548	7
Milwaukee	63	84	.429	24 1/2
Cincinnati	59	88	.401	28 1/2
Pittsburgh	55	92	.374	32 1/2
	West			
Arizona	82	65	.558	
San Francisco	80	67	.544	2
Los Angeles	79	68	.537	3
San Diego	73	73	.500	8 1/2
Colorado	64	82	.438	17 1/2

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Minnesota 3, Detroit 0; Anaheim 6, Seattle 3; Baltimore 12, Toronto 6; Boston 2, Tampa Bay 1; Kansas City 4, Cleveland 2; Oakland 7, Texas 2; Chicago White Sox 7, N.Y. Yankees 5.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Chicago Cubs 6, Cincinnati 5; Houston 5, San Francisco 4, 10 innings; Montreal 8, Colorado 3; Atlanta 5, Philadelphia 1; St. Louis 9, Pittsburgh 1; Los Angeles 3, Arizona 2, 13 innings. *AP*

'Sagupaan' screening on

SCREENING of entries for the "Sagupaan 5-Stag Invitational derby" will be held today and tomorrow (Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 22 and 23), according to *sabong* idol Patrick Antonio who is hosting the event.

The event which is billed as a grand showdown between Metro Manila and Pampanga's bigtime cockers, will be held on Sept. 29 at the Pampanga Coliseum in San Fernando city.

Antonio, host of the popular 'Sagupaan' TV show on IBC-13 (12:30 p.m. to 1 p.m.) said that the guaranteed prize at stake is P500,000. The champion will also receive a huge Sagupaan trophy.

Stags wingbanded by NGBA, GF-BAN, NCA, Ucap, Pagba and Migba are qualified but will be legbanded on the day of the derby, from 8 a.m. to 12 noon, for reclassification. Allowed weights are from 1.7 kg to 2.2 kg.

"This is one event Central Luzon aficionados should not miss. *Magandang sagupaan ito*," said Antonio.

BILLIARDS WINNERS

Winners of the recently concluded Inter-Bank 9 Ball Tournament held at Starsvenue along Pasay Road, Makati City show their respective trophies after the awarding rites. Standing (left to right) are Victor Yu (Gen. manager, Bocaditos Tortilla Chips), Rey Macatangay (Chinabank), Jennifer J.F. Ambata (owner/COO-Starsvenue), Ting Santos (Metrobank), Vic Benedicto (RCBC)and Bong Capiton (Unicard). Sitting (left to right) are Rommel Dee (Metrobank), Dino Ramirez (East West Bank) and Fred Ingeniero (Metrobank).Kneeling (left to right) are Jason Gau (Chinatrust), Bobby Sese (Metrobank), Ruel Uy (Citystate) and Augusto Lopez (Equitable PCIBank). Also backing the event were Siemens, First Asia Mobile Inc., Smirnoff Mule, Bocaditos Tortilla Chips and Veterano Brandy.

5 derbies set at Roligon

PROMOTER Danny Ty yesterday announced that the screening for the stag derbies is still going on at the Roligon Mega Cockpit in Parañaque City.

The stags that will be screened tomorrow from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. may participate in any of the 5-stag derbies: BMJ by Boy Gamilla on Sept. 29, Blue Blade by Sonny Lagon on Oct. 1 or Joshua by Peping Suarez on Oct. 5.

He said stags with weights between 1.7 kg and 2.1 kg must be submitted on the day of the fight from 6 a.m. to 12 noon.

He also said that stags banded by NGBA, GF-BAN, Ucap, NCA, Migba, Pigba, LGBA and Icba shall be accepted but must be presented for proper banding and categorization.

Other 4-stag derbies scheduled at Roligon are Oct. 13—Bench by Ben Chan and Oct. 30—"Tukaan" by Emoy Gorgonio.

SPORTS ON TV

Compiled by Lorenzo Manguiat

GOLF: LPGA Williams Championship, Third Round at 8 a.m. (r) on ESPN

PGA Marconi Pennsylvania Classic, Second Round at 1 p.m. (r – midnight) on Star Sports

Winning and Losing - Gary Player 40 Opens at 7 p.m. on ESPN

Asian PGA Tour/ Davidoff Tour - Tour Special at 9 p.m. on Star Sports

TENNIS: ATP Tennis Show at 6:30 p.m. on ESPN

Schedules subject to change without prior notice.

7-stag tourney starts Tuesday

THE 3RD Ucap/Red Flag 7-Stag Derby, to be hosted by Benjie Lim and Tony Lasala, is all set on Tuesday and Thursday (Sept. 25 and 27).

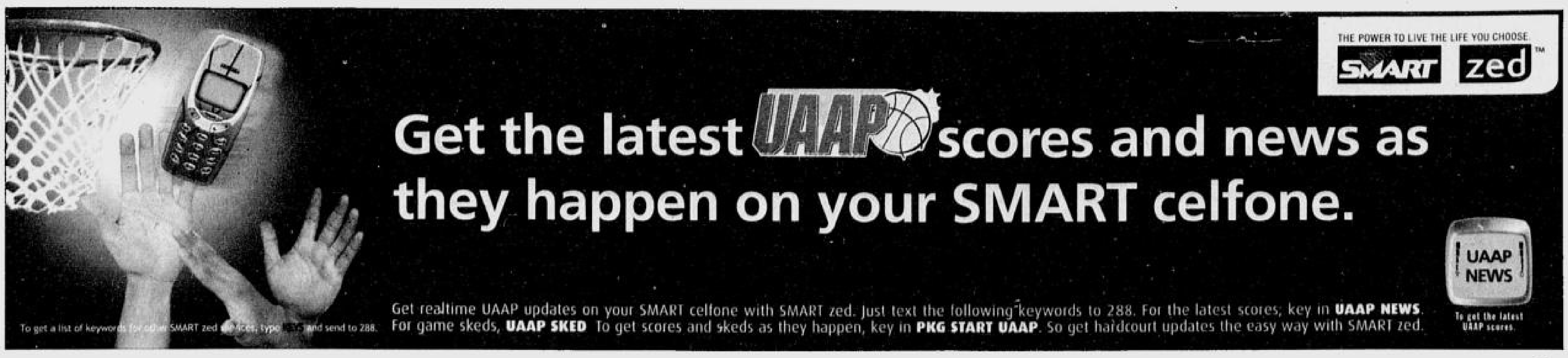
Sponsoring the event are Sagupaan Super Feeds and Washout Shampoo.

The two-day stagfest will be held at Mandaluyong Coliseum, now recognized as the leading venue for bigtime derbies and with a management well-known for implementing the "bayad agad" system on center bets (*parada*).

More and more aficionados are also trooping to the Mandaluyong Coliseum because of the non-stop quality fights (seven to eight fights per hour).

Submission of weights is on Monday, Sept. 24, from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. For inquiries, please contact 531-4003, 531-4005, 534-4110 and 535-2341.

Meanwhile, businessman-sportsman Vic Yu (King Boxer) and Blandy Tolentino (Seven Lakes PE) emerged as co-champions Thursday night in the "2nd Ucap/PE San Pablo PBRJ 7-stag Derby," after racking up six points each.


THE POWER TO LIVE THE LIFE YOU CHOOSE.
SMART zed™

Get the latest UAAP scores and news as they happen on your SMART celfone.

Get realtime UAAP updates on your SMART celfone with SMART zed. Just text the following keywords to 288. For the latest scores, key in **UAAP NEWS**. For game skeds, **UAAP SKED**. To get scores and skeds as they happen, key in **PKG START UAAP**. So get hardcourt updates the easy way with SMART zed.

UAAP NEWS
To get the latest UAAP scores.

To get a list of keywords for other SMART zed services, type [illegible] and send to 288.

SPORTS

AL S. MENDOZA, Editor ▪ EDWIN M. VILLANUEVA, Assistant Editor

NY Marathon slated Nov. 4

NEW YORK — The Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center will not change plans for the New York Marathon, set to run through the streets of the city on Sunday, Nov. 4. More than 30,000 runners, 10,000 from overseas, are expected for the race. Allan Steinfeld, director of the New York Road Runners, which conducts the event, said there had been some inquiries about a possible postponement both from elite runners and others. *AP*

NBA cancels 6 preseason games

NEW YORK —The NBA on Thursday canceled all six of its preseason games scheduled outside the United States and Canada because of last week's terrorist attacks. Eliminated were games in Cologne, Germany; Pesaro, Italy; Tokyo; and Mexico City. "In light of the current climate, now is not the right time to travel outside the country if it isn't necessary," NBA spokesman Brian McIntyre said. *AP*

PSC chief wants early buildup for Asiad

TUASON

PHILIPPINE Sports Commission chair Butch Tuason yesterday said that the stars of the recent Southeast Asian Games in Kuala Lumpur will get the best training possible especially in the area of foreign exposure and coaching to get them ready for the Pusan Asian Games next year.

Tuason added that another gargantuan task is ahead in forming a compact but potent contingent for the Korean meet in 2002, thus the need to buckle down to work early.

An even bigger goal, however, is soliciting the generous help of multinationals and other big firms to sustain the Asiad buildup, according to Tuason.

Though the tracksters who became the toast of the SEAG for the local delegation will surely be given special attention, the rest of the gold medal winners plus a number who had narrow misses and settled for silvers can expect to enjoy the full resources of the PSC.

At the same time, Tuason said that they can only take in stride the criticisms thrown at them for the country's fifth-place, 30-gold medal showing in the Malaysian capital.

"We sports leaders can only try to stand the test of time. We went to Kuala Lumpur having set our modest goals and we were ready to deal with the joys and pains of the expedition," he said.

"Yes, we may not have met our goals, but we did not do badly either. As we've always been saying, we are proud of our athletes no matter what and we treasure every medal won by each of them whether it's gold, silver or bronze.

While it is so easy for certain people to be going on a media blitz looking down on their efforts, Tuason said that he feels even sad for a silver medal winner whose feat is now being tagged as "mediocre." Some of these athletes were injured in the preliminary rounds and despite their injuries they still played.

Richie Garcia, who headed the Task Force which supervised the preparation of the SEAG bets, said that a deeper understanding on how our athletes fared against their rivals will prove that winning 66 medals could not be achieved if the athletes weren't prepared to give their best for our country.

"There's so much fuss about our losing to Vietnam for fourth place when in fact, it went down the wire.

Tuason orders quarters repair

BY MARC ANTHONY REYES

PHILIPPINE Sports Commission chair Butch Tuason yesterday ordered the immediate assessment of damage in the athletes' quarters inside the Rizal Memorial Sports Complex.

The move came after Southeast Asian Games gold medalists John Lozada and Ernie Candelario complained of the overall state of disrepair of their quarters particularly the roofing that leaks during downpours.

However, Tuason said he will have to ask the Congress to allocate funds for the renovation of all quarters in the RMSC where at least 200 athletes are presently living.

"I asked our engineers to assess the condition of the quarters and determine the amount of money needed," said Tuason. "After that, we will submit a recommendation to Congress."

The process, according to Tuason, will take at least two weeks. Unfortunately, the PSC chief said Congress has not even released its capital outlay for the PSC for this year.

"It's going to cost millions because we are also talking of wiring re-installations inside the quarters which are damaged by flood and rain waters," said Tuason.

For the meantime, the PSC will spend for some minor and temporary repairs in the dilapidated north tower quarters where the gold medalists claimed that they even use pails and improvised gutter so rain water would flow outside.

Lozada told the INQUIRER that roof leaks so hard, it was as if there was downpour inside the quarters.

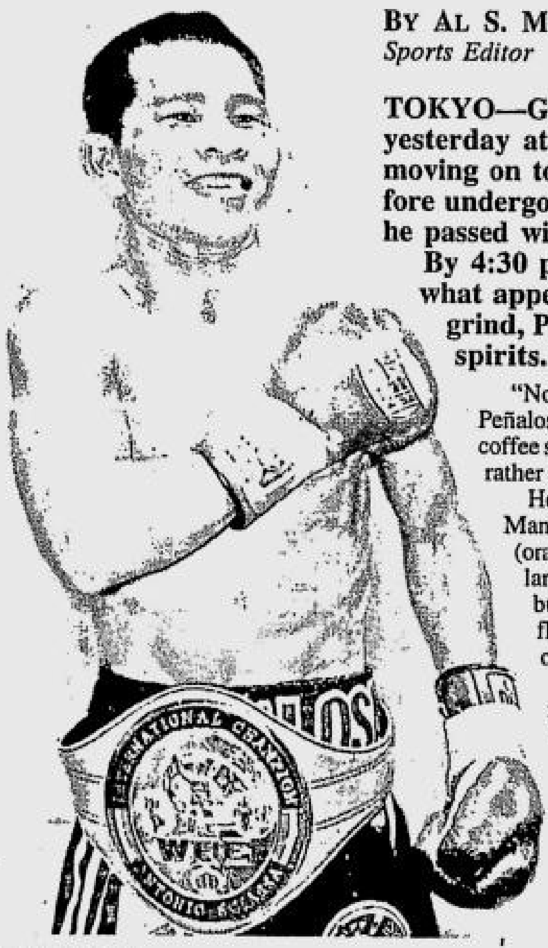
"I have talked to (hammer thrower) Fidel Gallenero and (former track queen) Lydia De Vega about it and assured them that we'll do something about it," Tuason added.

He also blamed the frequent flooding around the Vito Cruz area for the massive deterioration of the RMSC, adding that worst damaged is the Rizal Memorial Coliseum which is often submerged in floodwaters.

WBC FIGHT

Gerry arrives in Tokyo, wows Japanese media

BY AL S. MENDOZA
Sports Editor



PEÑALOSA

TOKYO—Gerry Peñalosa began his day yesterday at 6 by jogging 2 kilometers, moving on to a public press preview before undergoing a medical checkup which he passed with flying colors.

By 4:30 p.m., it was over. And after what appeared like a grueling 10-hour grind, Peñalosa still appeared in high spirits.

"Now I can have my merienda," said Peñalosa in Tagalog once he got his seat at the coffee shop of the Grand Palace Hotel. "It was rather a long day but no sweat. I feel fine."

He's had his last meal at 9 a.m. (8 a.m. Manila time). It consisted of a fruit platter (oranges, apples, bananas and grapes) and a large plate of spaghetti that had nothing but tomato sauce in it. Saltless. He flushed them all down with three glasses of water. With ice.

"Didn't he have spaghetti already last night?" said Rudy Salud, Peñalosa's manager.

"Spaghetti has always been his favorite," said Dr. Sanirose Orbeta, Peñalosa's nutritionist and dietician. "But he's doing all right. We need to carbo-load now as the fight is barely three days away. No salt at this time as sodium helps hold water in the body."

The fighter from San Carlos City in Negros weighed 116-1/2 pounds yesterday.

Peñalosa, who planed in with the RP entourage Thursday night that included Sen. Ramon Revilla, lawyer Chito Salud, Jun Sarreal and George Alcantara, will challenge World Boxing Council champion Masamori Tokuyama for the superflyweight crown on Monday, Sept. 24.

Venue of the scheduled 12-round bout in the 115-pound division is the Yokohama Gym, which, without traffic, is about 1:30 hours away by car from here.

At the Shinnihon Kimura Gym yesterday where Peñalosa had his workout, a throng of sportswriters, photographers and television people mobbed Peñalosa.

Every move that he did at the ring—shadow boxing, mitts-punching, skipping rope and loosening exercises—was covered in earnest.

"Peñalosa is billed the toughest challenger yet of our champion," said Joe Koizumi, a popular Japanese promoter both here and in Manila who manages Filipino sensation Randy Suico. "Boxing buffs here regard your Gerry as a great boxer who can draw the crowd."

Among those present at the Shinnihon Kimura gym yesterday was Hiroshi Kawashima, the Japanese southpaw whom Peñalosa, also a southpaw, dethroned for the same WBC superflyweight title on a cold, wintry night here in February 1997.

Peñalosa lost his crown in 1998 and failed in his attempt to recapture it in 2000. Both fights were against South Korean In Joo Cho, who was toppled last May by Tokuyama.

Kawashima, 31, has retired and is now a TV boxing commentator, who will be the TV analyst of the Tokuyama-Peñalosa fight on Monday.

When Peñalosa, 29, spotted Kawashima from the media throng during the press preview, he stepped down from the podium and went to him for a handshake and a warm bear hug.

He got a warm applause for that.

"He is one of the best fighters I've ever fought," said Peñalosa of Kawashima, now a stocky 5-foot-5 who lost to the 5-foot-4 Peñalosa by a split decision. "In fact, he may yet be the best I've ever met thus far."

When asked to compare Kawashima to Tokuyama, Peñalosa said: "No comparison yet. But from what I've seen from Tokuyama's taped fights, I will say Kawashima might be better."

Dodie Boy Peñalosa, Gerry's two-time world boxing champion-brother who is here with another brother (Erbing) as Peñalosa's trainers, said: "Malayó si Tokuyama sa galing ni Kawashima."

Someone asked Peñalosa to describe the North Korean-born Japanese champion, who dyes his hair blond.

"I think Tokuyama is in great condition," said Peñr:t22jualosa, shaking hands with his foe upon the prodding of Salud after the medical checkup at the Nihon University hospital. "But I am also in tip-top shape. Let me just say that I came here to bring the crown back home to the Philippines. In short I came here not just to fight. I came here to win."

He earned no applause for that.

Just wry smiles.

Phone Pals down Aces

BY JUNE NAVARRO

TALK N TEXT averted a final-minute disaster to post an 87-84 triumph over Alaska and share the lead with Sta. Lucia Realty last night in the PBA Governors Cup at the Araneta Coliseum.

The Phone Pals capitalized on the Aces' misfortunes brought about by the crucial misses of Ali Peek and Kenneth Duremdes that could have changed the complexion of the game.

Peek muffed a short jumper in the closing seconds while Duremdes bungled a potential game-tying triple at the buzzer that paved the way for the Phone Pals third consecutive victory.

Obviously pressured, the Phone Pals fumbled on their possessions that allowed the Aces to come within striking distance.

In the second game, Purefoods beat Ginebra, 106-102.

TALK N TEXT 87—Taulava 24, Williams 24, Demape 14, Codinera 6, Pablo 6, Gonzales 6, Camaso 3, Cui 2, Fran 2, Ejercito 0.

ALASKA 84—Duremdes 28, Peek 19, Allado 13, Chambers 9, Santos 4, Ordonio 4, Evans 3, Wallkvist 2, Gahol 2.

Quarters: 16-24, 40-36, 59-54, 87-84

Kuwait's PBL stint uncertain

BY DENNIS U. EROA

THE PBL wasn't spared of the chilling effect of the the terror attacks in the United States.

Reason: the much-awaited stint of the Kuwait national men's basketball team in the inaugural PBL Open Invitational which starts on Sept. 23 at the Makati Coliseum remains uncertain due to prevailing uncertainties.

"We're still waiting for the confirmation of their arrival," PBL chair Dioceldo Sy told the INQUIRER yesterday.

Sy, however, stressed that he expects a blockbuster tournament with or without the Kuwaitis."

Welcoat, a four-time PBL champion, banners the stellar cast also composed of Shark Energy Drink, Hapee Toothpaste, Ana Freezers and Blu Detergent.

Meanwhile, eliminations leader Ateneo battles Adamson at 4:30 p.m. today in the UAAP junior basketball Final Four at the Araneta Coliseum. Gametime is set at 4:30 p.m.

United Auctioneers, Inc.

C.B.U. 3-DAY UNRESERVED TRUCKS & HEAVY EQUIPMENT AUCTION

SEPTEMBER 26, 27 & 28, 2001

SEPT. 26 & 27 : MEYCAUAYAN, BULACAN
SEPT. 28 : VALENZUELA
SALE STARTS AT : 8:30 am SHARP
INSPECT & REGISTER ON : SEPT. 23, 24 & 25

- NO MINIMUM PRICE!
- TAXES & DUTIES PAID!
- EVERYTHING SELLS TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER!!!

Auction Style: PARADE

EX200LC-2
SUPER LONG ARM EXCAVATORS
100 Excavators

50 ALUM. VANS — ISUZU 10W ALUM. VANS

50 ROLLERS — DYNAPAC CA25-2 ROLLER

250 CARGO TRUCKS — 1996 ISUZU ELF

250 PASS. VANS — TOYOTA 4x4 VANS

100 GENSETS — 4 OF 100 GENSETS

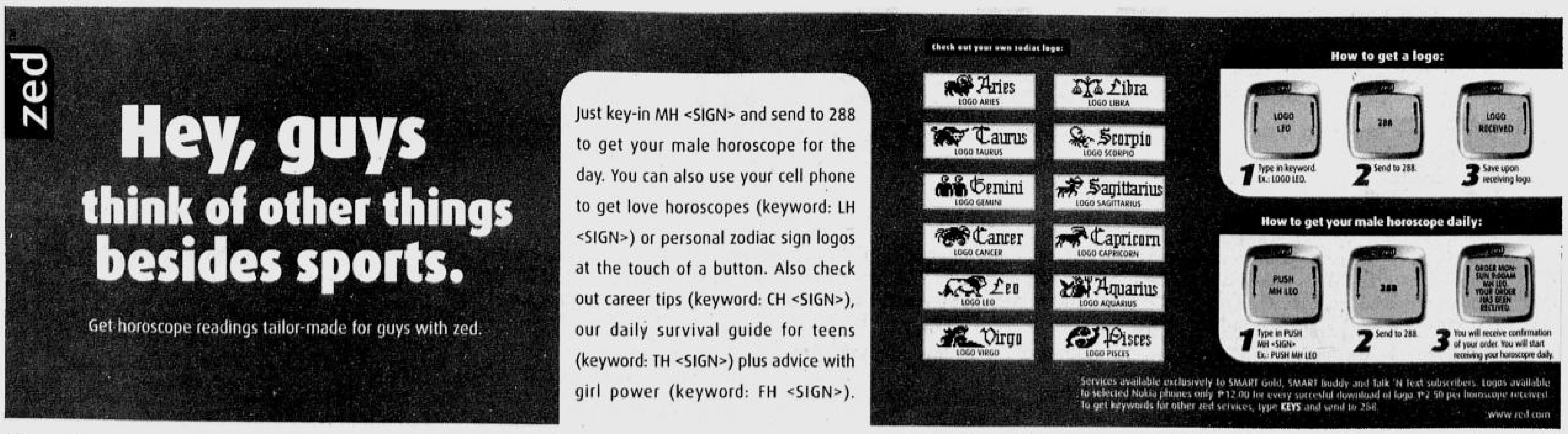
The Most Complete Line-Up of Trucks & Heavy Equipment in Metro Manila!

Excavators • Loaders • Graders • Ref. • Man Lifts. Cargo, Dump & Fire Trucks • Tankers Generators • Vans • Compressors • 4x4's • Jeeps • Trucks with Crane, and Thousands of other machines!!!

VALENZUELA SITE

SITE PHONE:
▪ (02) 294-2645/47
▪ 444-7857/60
▪ (044) 695-3887 /88

OFFICE PHONE: (02) 929-7868 • 453-7470/74 FAX: (02) 929-0260 E-MAIL: info@uauctioneers.com WEB SITE: www.uauctioneers.com



zed

Hey, guys think of other things besides sports.

Get horoscope readings tailor-made for guys with zed.

Just key-in MH <SIGN> and send to 288 to get your male horoscope for the day. You can also use your cell phone to get love horoscopes (keyword: LH <SIGN>) or personal zodiac sign logos at the touch of a button. Also check out career tips (keyword: CH <SIGN>), our daily survival guide for teens (keyword: TH <SIGN>) plus advice with girl power (keyword: FH <SIGN>).

Check out your own zodiac logo:

How to get a logo:

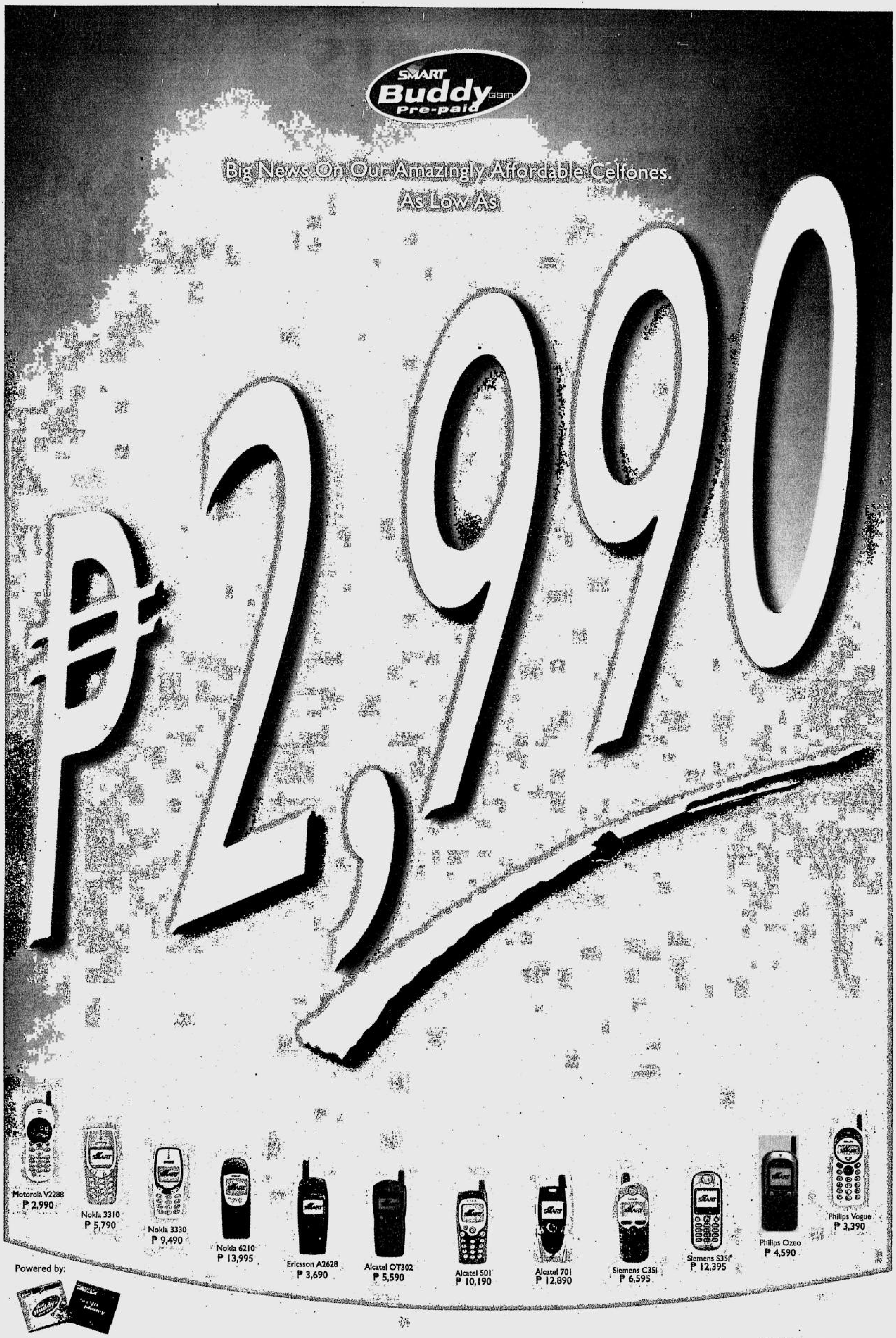
1 Type in keyword. Ex.: LOGO LEO.
2 Send to 288.
3 Save upon receiving logo.

How to get your male horoscope daily:

1 Type in PUSH MH <SIGN> Ex.: PUSH MH LEO
2 Send to 288.
3 You will receive confirmation of your order. You will start receiving your horoscope daily.

Services available exclusively to SMART Gold, SMART buddy and Talk 'N Text subscribers. Logos available to selected Nokia phones only. ₱12.00 for every succesful download of logo. ₱2.50 per horoscope received. To get keywords for other zed services, type KEYS and send to 288.

www.zed.com



SMART
Buddy GSM
Pre-paid

Big News On Our Amazingly Affordable Celfones.
As Low As

₱2,990

Motorola V2288
₱ 2,990

Nokia 3310
₱ 5,790

Nokia 3330
₱ 9,490

Nokia 6210
₱ 13,995

Ericsson A2628
₱ 3,690

Alcatel OT302
₱ 5,590

Alcatel 501
₱ 10,190

Alcatel 701
₱ 12,890

Siemens C35i
₱ 6,595

Siemens S35i
₱ 12,395

Philips Ozeo
₱ 4,590

Philips Vogue
₱ 3,390

Powered by:

Get these celfones at even lower prices and choose between two of the most advanced SIMs in the market today--Smart zed plus and Smart Money. Smart zed plus gives you more Inbox, Phonebook memory and an "add and delete" feature that lets you choose the services you need. Smart Money gives you cashless shopping convenience with your celfone.

The Celfones You Want. The Most Advanced SIMs You Can Imagine. What More Could You Ask For?

SMART
Simply Amazing!

METRO

LOUIE C. CAMINO, Editor

Alvarez fails to padlock Mehan parking project

By CYNTHIA D. BALANA AND JEROME ANING

"I SHALL return!"

Environment Secretary Heherson Alvarez yesterday vowed that he would be back after he failed to padlock the construction site of the controversial Park N Ride project at the Mehan Garden in Manila.

But Alvarez and his men were able to "constructively padlock" the project by putting up two large billboards and notices informing the public that the project has been stopped.

A contingent of Manila policemen who accompanied Alvarez to the site made sure that no one intervened when he and his officials set up the billboards and stopped short of arresting the workers and sealing off the project.

The leader of the police team, Ermita police station commander Supt. Elmer Jamias, said he and his men were there on orders of their superiors to provide Alvarez assistance and "to make sure that no one will get hurt."

Workers were back at work minutes after Alvarez and other DENR officials put up the billboards announcing that the project was stopped.

ATIENZA

ALVAREZ

Mayor Lito Atienza, who was not present, was said to have repeatedly ordered the workers to continue until the project is completed.

In his weekly conference at City Hall yesterday morning, Atienza vowed to reopen the project site no matter how many times Alvarez closed it.

"We will not allow the DENR to interfere in the city's development efforts and close down the project," Atienza said. "If they shut it down, we will reopen it. They cannot enforce an illegal order and we will not respect it."

Alvarez said the DENR would cite for contempt the workers who defied the closure order.

"Today is not the only day," Alvarez said. "We'll come back to see to it that they comply after closure notices have been pasted on the wall and given to the public."

Delegations from various conservationist and environmentalist groups opposed to the construction of the parking facility at the Mehan Garden were at the site to cheer on Alvarez and heckle the city officials who were in favor of the project, which is now about 80 percent complete.

In "padlocking" the project, Alvarez said he was just exercising his administrative powers to "protect environmentally critical areas" such as the Mehan Garden, which was declared a historical and cultural site.

"The law is very clear and specific and we are here to enforce this law," Alvarez said.

ALVAREZ/ A19

Solon's wife killed in accident

GUIGUINTO, Bulacan—The wife of Rep. Benjamin Cruz of the party-list group Butil was killed while her four companions were seriously injured when their vehicle smashed into a tree along the North Luzon Expressway in Barangay Pritil here on Thursday.

Jovita Tiburcio-Cruz, 69, died before reaching the Polymedic Hospital in Barangay Sta. Cruz here. Her companions—Federico Roxas, Nemecio Buenaventura, Romanico Victorino and driver Felix Cruz—were treated at the same hospital.

Police said Cruz and her companions were on board a Suzuki Vitara on their way home to Baliuag town when driver Cruz tried to overtake a passenger jeepney but lost control of the wheel.

Carmela Reyes, PDI Central Luzon Desk

Bong Pineda son-in-law found dead in SJ house

By AGNES DONATO

A SON-IN-LAW of deposed President Estrada's crony Bong Pineda was yesterday found dead in San Juan in what police said was a suicide.

Still, Chief Supt. George Alino ordered his men to conduct a deeper investigation of the death of businessman Omar Victorino, 28, who had a gunshot wound in the chest.

Police pointed out it would be difficult for anybody to shoot himself in the right side of the chest.

Victorino's body was found near the carport of his house on Illinois Street in North Greenhills, San Juan, shortly after he alighted from his car about 1 a.m. yesterday, police said.

The police blotter said Victorino's driver Rommel Rivera reported the death to police. Police quoted Rivera as saying he found Victorino lying on the floor shortly after he heard a gunshot.

Once again, PMA myth is destroyed

ON TARGET

Ramon Tulfo

NOW that controversial Sen. Panfilo "Ping" Lacson is back from a US vacation, he's again grist for the information mill that the public has hankered for.

The twin attacks at the World Trade Center in New York and the Pentagon in Washington DC have eclipsed the Senate investigation of allegations that Lacson was involved in drug trafficking and kidnapping for ransom when he was still a topnotch policeman.

* * *

While Lacson was gone, another witness against him **surfaced at the Intelligence Service of the Armed Forces of the Philippines (Isafp). This unit, headed by Col. Victor Corpus, has been in the forefront in exposing Lacson's allegedly illegal activities.**

Remus Garganera, a civilian agent of the defunct Presidential Anti-Organized Crime Task Force (PAOCTF), reportedly confirms the allegations of Mary Ong, a.k.a. Rosebud, that Lacson and his cohorts were involved in drug trafficking and kidnapping.

Little by little, the government's case against Lacson is being firmed up by people who were once connected with him. These people are now cooperating in his prosecution.

* * *

A star-rank officer at the Philippine National Police (PNP) is doing a splendid job of gathering witnesses against Lacson at the PNP end.

Chief Supt. Nestorio Gualberto, head of the Criminal Investigation and Detection Group (CIDG), has gathered 17 active police officers and seven civilians who reportedly know about Lacson's past activities.

The CIDG, Gualberto said, has uncovered that Lacson and his cohorts were involved in "recycling" seized drugs, kidnapping, robbery and summary executions.

* * *

The scuttlebutt in Camp Crame is that

ONCE AGAIN/ A18

Muslims 'will not tolerate indiscriminate arrests'

By CHRISTIAN V. ESGUERRA

THE FAMILY of the Muslim businessman arrested for drug trafficking on Monday would file charges against the policemen who apprehended him.

Claiming that businessman Omra Macmac, 33, was innocent of the drug charges, Prof. Taha Basman, secretary general of the Philippine Islamic Council, yesterday said Macmac's family was meeting to determine the proper legal action they should take against members of Northern Police District who made the arrest.

Basman said the family was planning to charge the police officers with indiscriminate arrest, illegal detention and trespassing.

NPD Chief Supt. Vidal Querol yesterday said he welcomed the charges.

Led by Insp. Allanjing Medina, police arrested Macmac last Monday as he was about to enter the gate of the subdivision in Pasig where he lives, Basman said.

Macmac was with his family and friends when he was arrested.

Basman said Macmac was brought to the NPD headquarters in Caloocan for questioning.

But hours after Macmac's arrest, about 100 Muslims, who were allegedly armed, stormed the headquarters to clear Macmac's name and demand for his immediate release.

Macmac was released after two mayors from Lanao province, who were with the group of Muslims, vouched for him.

The Muslims were mostly members of the Virra Mall Muslim Traders Association to which Macmac belongs.

Macmac owns a jewelry store at the Virra Mall in Greenhills.

Basman said the group was concerned that Macmac would become a victim of unscrupulous policemen who indiscriminately arrest Muslims and release them in exchange for money.

Basman said Muslim communities in Metro Manila are alarmed by the alleged spate of indiscriminate arrests of innocent Muslims on trumped-up charges.

He said unscrupulous policemen were taking advantage of the government's crackdown on suspected terrorists to conduct their own "hulidap" operations.

WAZZZZUP ?
ENTERTAINMENT GUIDE

BUMA 9595 KAMAGONG ST. MAKATI	PINOY 2001 FASHION SHOW	AEGIS CONCERT SEPT. 19 896.2116/896.1939
CHATTERBOX WEST 41 WEST AVE. QUEZON CITY	ALLAN K DAUGHTERS & BANANA	TRILOGY SEPT. 29 411.3650/374.3750
Cowboy Grill BRGY ALMANZA, LAS PINAS	THINKERS w/ JOGRAD FEEDBACK	NOVIA SEPT. 25 ☎ 801.7644
Cowboy Grill 1190 ARQUIZA ST., MALATE	J BROTHERS MR. ROXY/HIMIG	NO ENTRANCE FEE 525.1474/525.4269
Cowboy Grill 431 REMEDIOS ST., MALATE	HOMOSAPIENS STAY TUNED	NO ENTRANCE FEE ☎ 521.8143
Cowboy Grill NOVALICHES Q.C.	KOOL JACKS MIX-UP/FREEZE	NOVIA SEPT. 18 ☎ 936.9757
DOWNTOWN Music Bar & Restaurant	BEDROOM BOYS RETRO NIGHT	P 250 COVER CHARGE ☎ 373.3333
KAMPO 2080 #47 WEST AVENUE Q.C.	GLADYS & D' BOXERS D' BOSS/COOL CATALYST	P 250 CONSUMABLE 373.5110/373.7181
EXAMINER'S LITE n' LIVE #52 EXAMINER ST., Q.C.	VANNAVANNA OPUS	JOEL & MARIE P 200 CONS/373.7183
MUSIC WAREHOUSE	SIAKOL SLIDE /MAJOR IMPACT	735.1405/735.1280
Padi's MINI AVI MINDANAO AVE. COR. CONGL, Q.C.	SUNDAY FREE CONCERT! SEPT. 23, 2001	SIDE A SEPT. 29 453.0080/925.3117
TIA MARIA'S JUPITER ST., MAKATI CITY	VERSE 2 SHADE OF TREASURE	ALLAN K SEPT. 26 ☎ 890.4735
Tropical FOREST Cafe-Grill-Restaurant	THE RHYTHM	PICA PICA PLATER/P 230 ☎ 400.7438/39
OTHER PLACES		
Cowboy Grill BINAN, LAGUNA	STREETLIFE KNIGHTS	NO ENTRANCE FEE ☎ (049) 511.7268
Partyplace SAN FERNANDO, PAMPANGA	SOUNIQUE SUGAR & REGIE	TRUEFAITH OCT. 12 ☎ (045) 961.3360
THE VENUE DAVAO JACINTO EXT. DAVAO	BIG DEAL HERNZ	ANGELA VELEZ SEPT. 29 ☎ (082) 224.4150

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22 912-8983

He Will Rock You!
2ND 'ACTION + COMEDY + ROMANCE' WEEK!
MTRCB RATING PG-13 Children below 13 yrs. old will only be allowed if accompanied by a parent or adult
"TWO THUMBS UP!"
EBERT & ROEPER AND THE MOVIES
"'A Knight's Tale' kicks off the summer season in HIGH STYLE! A blend of 'Gladiator' and 'Shakespeare in Love'..."
ANDREW JOHNSTON
US WEEKLY
Featuring music from Robbie Williams + Queen Third Eye Blind, David Bowie WAR & Eric Clapton
HEATH LEDGER
A KNIGHT'S TALE
aknightstale.com
SOUNDTRACK FEATURING "WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS"
Distributed by COLUMBIA PICTURES

SM ADVANCE SCREENING CINEMA
JULIA ROBERTS BILLY CRYSTAL CATHERINE ZETA JONES JOHN CUSACK
America's Sweethearts
Invitational Gala Premiere on Sept. 22, 2001 7:30 pm
SM Megamall Cinema 1
MTRCB RATING P13
Regular showing starts Oct. 3 at the SM CINEMAS.

mercury drug
NAKASISIGURO GAMOT AY LAGING BAGO
SABADO SPECIAL
GET UP TO 10% DISCOUNT ON PARTICIPATING PRODUCTS
SALE PRICES September 22-28, 2001

Product	Price	Regular price
ATHENA NFAT PDR MLK 1000G	234.75	P 247.25
ATHENA NFAT PDR MLK 500G	118.00	P 126.25
ATHENA NFAT PDR MLK 200G	53.00	P 55.75
CALCIUMADE DRINK 1000G	211.75	P 222.75
CALCIUMADE DRINK 400G	92.25	P 97.00
CALCIUMADE DRINK 30G 6s	45.75	P 48.25
LISTERINE COOL MINT 750ML	247.00	P 268.50
LISTERINE COOL MINT 500ML	192.00	P 208.75
LISTERINE COOL MINT 80ML	35.00	P38.0
LISTERINE COOL MINT 250ML	104.25	P 113.25
LISTERINE ORIGINAL 750ML	245.00	P226.25
LISTERINE ORIGINAL 250ML	103.25	P112.25
LISTERINE ORIGINAL 80ML	35.00	P38.00
LISTERINE ORIGINAL 500ML	190.50	P207.00
WINADOL TAB X 20's	37.00	P41.00

PER TABLET P 1.85
REGULAR PRICE P 2.05
PARACETAMOL Winadol
mercury drug
NAKASISIGURO GAMOT AY LAGING BAGO
For other promo, pls. visit our Website at: www.mercurydrug.com
e-mail: info@mercurydrug.com

SM CINEMA

SM Dial-A-Movie Tel. 633-9999

NOW SHOWING

SM CITY BACOOR
4113898

1	SCARY MOVIE 2
2	RUSH HOUR 2
3	PRINCESS DIARIES
4	ORIGINAL SIN
5	KNIGHT'S TALE
6	BANYO QUEEN
7	PUKYUTAN
8	ENEMY AT THE GATES

SM CENTERPOINT
7149522 -7161416

1	BANYO QUEEN
2	PRINCESS DIARIES
3	KNIGHT'S TALE
4	SCARY MOVIE 2
5	PRINCESS DIARIES
6	PUKYUTAN
7	ORIGINAL SIN
8	RUSH HOUR 2
9	ENEMY AT THE GATES
10	A.I.

SM CITY FAIRVIEW
9350749

1	BUKAS BABAHA NG DUGO
2	BURLESK QUEEN
3	ENEMY AT THE GATES
4	PRINCESS DIARIES
5	KNIGHT'S TALE
6	BANYO QUEEN
7	ORIGINAL SIN
8	PRINCESS DIARIES
9	SCARY MOVIE 2
10	A.I.
11	BAKIT DI TOTOHANIN
12	PUKYUTAN

SM CITY MANILA
5239240

1	KNIGHT'S TALE
2	ORIGINAL SIN
3	ENEMY AT THE GATES
4	PRINCESS DIARIES
5	RUSH HOUR 2
6	PRINCESS DIARIES
7	BAKIT DI TOTOHANIN
8	PUKYUTAN
9	PRINCESS DIARIES
10	CROCODILE 2
11	SCARY MOVIE 2
12	BANYO QUEEN

SM MEGAMALL
6331901 • 6339405

1	RUSH HOUR 2
2	A.I.
3	BUKAS BABAHA NG DUGO
4	PRINCESS DIARIES
5	ORIGINAL SIN
6	ENEMY AT THE GATES
7	BAKIT DI TOTOHANIN
8	SCARY MOVIE 2
9	BANYO QUEEN
10	PRINCESS DIARIES
11	PUKYUTAN
12	A KNIGHT'S TALE

SM TUTUBAN
2514302

1	PRINCESS DIARIES
2	BUKAS BABAHA NG DUGO
3	PUKYUTAN
4	BANYO QUEEN

SM CITY NORTH EDSA
9205452

1	BANYO QUEEN
2	PRINCESS DIARIES
3	PUKYUTAN
4	BUKAS BABAHA NG DUGO
5	ENEMY AT THE GATES
6	ORIGINAL SIN
7	PRINCESS DIARIES
8	KNIGHT'S TALE
9	BAKIT DI TOTOHANIN
10	RUSH HOUR 2
11	SCARY MOVIE 2
12	A.I.

SM SOUTHMALL
8066888

1	BUKAS BABAHA NG DUGO
2	KNIGHT'S TALE
3	CLOSED
4	ORIGINAL SIN
5	A.I.
6	ENEMY AT THE GATES
7	BANYO QUEEN
8	PRINCESS DIARIES
9	SCARY MOVIE 2
10	PUKYUTAN

SM GUADALUPE COMM'L
8820905

1	PUKYUTAN
2	BANYO QUEEN
3	BUKAS BABAHA NG DUGO

SM CEBU
2313878

1	RUSH HOUR 2
2	CRAZY BEAUTIFUL
3	BURLESK QUEEN
4	A.I.
5	BAKIT DI TOTOHANIN
6	BANYO QUEEN
7	SCARY MOVIE 2

SM ILOILO
3209422

1	BANYO QUEEN
2	CLOSED
3	RUSH HOUR 2
4	SCARY MOVIE 2
5	PUKYUTAN
6	ENEMY AT THE GATES
7	CLOSED
8	A.I.

SM PAMPANGA
7120015

1	A.I.
2	KNIGHT'S TALE
3	ENEMY AT THE GATES
4	PUKYUTAN
5	MANO MANO 2
6	BANYO QUEEN

SM SUCAT
8294975

1	KNIGHT'S TALE
2	ORIGINAL SIN
3	PRINCESS DIARIES
4	BANYO QUEEN

SM DAVAO

1
2
3
4
5
6

SOON TO OPEN
6 STATE-OF-THE-ART
MOVIE THEATERS

DIGITAL dts SOUND · DOLBY DIGITAL SURROUND-EX

Movies are subject to change without prior notice.

AYALA CINEMAS

NOW SHOWING

YOUR 24-HOUR LINK TO ALL AYALA CINEMAS 729 - 7777
reserve seats through www.sureseats.com

All Digital Sound

GLORIETTA 1
(formerly QUAD)

1	ORIGINAL SIN
2	PRINCESS DIARIES
3	RUSH HOUR 2
4	CLOSED FOR RENOVATION

GLORIETTA 4

1	A KNIGHT'S TALE in DOLBY DIGITAL SOUND
2	PRINCESS DIARIES in DOLBY DIGITAL SOUND
3	PRINCESS DIARIES THX in DSD/SDDS/DTS DIGITAL SOUND
4	THE INVISIBLE CIRCUS (Phil. Premiere) in DTS DIGITAL SOUND Art Film
5	ENEMY AT THE GATES in DOLBY DIGITAL SOUND
6	ORIGINAL SIN in DTS/SDDS DIGITAL SOUND
7	SCARY MOVIE 2 in DTS DIGITAL SOUND

GREENBELT

1	A KNIGHT'S TALE in DOLBY STEREO DIGITAL SOUND
2	PRINCESS DIARIES in SONY DYNAMIC DIGITAL SOUND
3	ORIGINAL SIN in DOLBY STEREO DIGITAL SOUND
4	MARTIN NIEVERA LIVE! SEPT. 21,22, 27,28 &29—8PM Onstage

ALABANG TOWN CENTER

1	PRINCESS DIARIES THX in DSD/SDDS DIGITAL SOUND
2	ORIGINAL SIN in DSD DOLBY DIGITAL SOUND
3	A KNIGHT'S TALE in DTS DIGITAL SOUND
4	ENEMY AT THE GATES in DTS DIGITAL SOUND
5	RUSH HOUR 2 in DTS DIGITAL SOUND

MMTA
METRO MANILA THEATERS ASSOCIATION

MOVIE GUIDE
NOW SHOWING
EMAIL: mmta@asia.com

Filinvest FESTIVAL CINEMA
(Muntinlupa) tel 850.3571 or 72

1 (DDS)	A KNIGHT'S TALE
2 (SDDS)	ORIGINAL SIN
3 (DTS)	ENEMY AT THE GATES
4 GOLD (DTS)	A.I.
5 GOLD (DOLBY)	PRINCESS DIARIES
6 GOLD (SDDS)	ORIGNAL SIN
7 GOLD (DOLBY)	PRINCESS DIARIES
8 [illegible]	BANYO QUEEN
9 [illegible]	RUSH HOUR 2
10 [illegible]	SCARY MOVIE 2

Pearl Plaza Cinemas
(Parañaque) tel. 853.4486

1	
2	
3 (DTS)	
4	BANYO QUEEN
5	BURLESK QUEEN
6 (DTS)	
Golden Pearl THX	

Masagana CINEMAX 1-2 & 3
(Kalaw) tel 536.4315

1 (DOLBY)	ORIGINAL SIN
2 (DTS)	
3	BURLESK QUEEN

Masagana CINEMA
(Pasay) tel 831.6603

1	BANYO QUEEN
2	PRINCESS DIARIES
3	BUKAS BABAHA NG DUGO

starmall Movies
(Shaw Blvd.) tel 724.4986

1	ORIGINAL SIN
2	BUKAS BABAHA NG DUGO
3	PUKYUTAN
4 (DOLBY DIGITAL)	PRINCESS DIARIES
5	MANO-MANO

Metropolis
(Alabang) tel 543.4001

1	PRINCESS DIARIES
2	BURLESK QUEEN
3	ORIGINAL SIN
4	BANYO QUEEN
5	RESERVE
6	RESERVE
7	BUKAS BABAHA NG DUGO
8	PUKYUTAN

PREMIERE CINEMA THX
(Makati City) Tel. 7053152 - 55

PRINCESS DIARIES

Center Plaza Cinema
(Balanga, Bataan) tel (047) 237.7007

1	CATS & DOGS
2	RADYO

FCM FAIRVIEW CENTER MALL, INC.
tel 930.9515

1	BANYO QUEEN
2	BURLESK QUEEN
3	PUKYUTAN

Spring
(Libertad, Pasay City) tel 831.7864

1	BURLESK QUEEN
A	PUKYUTAN

Sunshine
(FTI, Taguig) tel 838.4301 loc. 3376

1	PRINCESS DIARIES
2	RESERVE
3	MANO MANO 2
4	

GOTESCO CINEMA

City
(Manila) tel 734.8588

1 (DOLBY)	PRINCESS DIARIES
2	RESERVE
3	RESERVE
4	PUKYUTAN
5	BUKAS BABAHA NG DUGO
6	BANYO QUEEN
7 (DTS)	ORIGINAL SIN
8 (SDDS)	KNIGHT'S TALE
9 (DOLBY)	SCARY MOVIE 2

Caloocan
tel 362.3508

2	BUKAS BABAHA NG DUGO

Grand Central
(Caloocan) tel 364.3781

1	BANYO QUEEN
2	BUKAS BABAHA NG DUGO
3	MANO MANO 2
4 (SDDS)	KNIGHT'S TALE
5	PUKYUTAN
6 (DOLBY)	PRINCESS DIARIES
7 (DTS)	ORIGINAL SIN
8	SCARY MOVIE
9	BAKIT DI...

Commonwealth
tel 951.0083

1 (DTS)	ORIGINAL SIN
2	BANYO QUEEN
3	PUKYUTAN
4	MANO MANO 2
5 (SDDS)	KNIGHT'S TALE
6	BUKAS BABAHA NG DUGO
7 (DOLBY)	PRINCESS DIARIES
8	BAKIT DI ...

Ortigas
tel 656.6795

1	BANYO QUEEN
2	BUKAS BABAHA NG DUGO
3 (DTS)	ORIGINAL SIN
4	PUKYUTAN
5 (SDDS)	PRINCESS DIARIES

Universal
(Manila) tel 733.2470

1	BUKAS BABAHA NG DUGO

Sampaguita
(Cubao) tel 911.7888

1	BUKAS BABAHA NG DUGO

Dilson
(Manila) tel 734.7724

Dilson	BUKAS BABAHA NG DUGO
Lords	BANYO QUEEN
Jennet	PUKYUTAN

THE MARKETPLACE
Mandaluyong tel 533.3851 / 533.3856

1	PUKYUTAN
2	PRINCESS DIARIES
3	ORIGINAL SIN
4	

Prima
(Pasig) tel 641.1215

3	BUKAS BABAHA NG DUGO

Isetann Cinerama Complex Recto
SUPER CINERAMA
tel 733.4238

1 (DOLBY)	ORIGINAL SIN
2	PRINCESS DIARIES
3	PUKYUTAN
4	BUKAS BABAHA NG DUGO
5	BANYO QUEEN

New Divisoria Mall
DIVISORIA CINEMA
tel 244.4619

1	BUKAS BABAHA NG DUGO
2	PUKYUTAN
3	ORIGINAL SIN
4	RESERVE
5	RESERVE
6	BURLESK QUEEN

Baclaran LRT
LRT CINEMA
tel 512.0115

1 (DOLBY)	BUKAS BABAHA NG DUGO
2	PUKYUTAN
3	RESERVE

Berma
tel 879-2029 or 30

1	BUKAS BABAHA NG DUGO
2	BANYO QUEEN

CitiMall
(Parañaque) tel 820.7269

1	RESERVED
2	ORIGINAL SIN
3	RESERVED
4	

CINEMA 2000

Cinema 2000 Target Mall
(Sta. Rosa Laguna) tel (049) 534.2185 / 534.2198

1	BUKAS BABAHA NG DUGO
2	BANYO QUEEN
3 (DTS)	PRINCESS DIARIES

Cinema 2000 Waltermart
(Calamba) tel (049) 545.7383

1	ORIGINAL SIN
2 (DTS)	BANYO QUEEN
3 (DOLBY)	PRINCESS DIARIES
4	BUKAS BABAHA NG DUGO

Cinema 2000 Pavilion Mall
(Biñan) Tel. (049) 411-1146

1	BUKAS BABAHA NG DUGO
2 (DOLBY)	PRINCESS DIARIES
3 (DTS)	ORIGINAL SIN
4	BANYO QUEEN

Cinemagix
(Urdaneta) tel(075) 568.6771

1	ANIMAL
2	A.I.
3	SOON TO OPEN
4	SOON TO OPEN

Lianas Cinema
(Alabang) tel 850.1276

1 (SDDS)	ORIGINAL SIN
2	RESERVED
3	BANYO QUEEN
4 (DTS)	BORLESK QUEEN

Lianas MovieCity
(Calamba) tel (049) 545.7202

1 (DOLBY)	PRINCESS DIARIES
2	ORIGINAL SIN
3 (DTS)	PUKYUTAN
4	BUKAS BABAHA NG DUGO
5	MANO MANO 2

Olivarez Tri-Cinema
(Biñan) tel (049) 511.8883

1	PRINCESS DIARIES
2	PUKYUTAN
3	BUKAS BABAHA NG DUGO

Olivarez Los Baños
tel (049) 536.5101

1	PRINCESS DIARIES
2	ORIGINAL SIN
3	BUKAS BABAHA NG DUGO

Olivarez Tagaytay
tel (046) 413.0311

1	PAREHAS ANG LABAN
2	CROCODILE
3	VENUS

Morales Cinema
(Biñan) tel (049) 511.9736

1	MANO MANO 2
2	ORIGINAL SIN
3	BANYO QUEEN

Cabuyao
(Laguna City) tel (049) 531.4808

1 (DTS)	PUKYUTAN
2 (DTS)	RESERVE

Fourstep
(Cavite) tel (046) 416.2385

1	PUKYUTAN

Emperor
(Rosario Cavite) tel (046) 438.1657

1	SCREAM... FRIDAY 13TH
2	PUKYUTAN
3	MANO MANO 2

Fiesta World Mall
(Lipa) tel (043) 981.0790

1	CROCODILE 2
2	KNIGHT'S TALE
3	BANYO QUEEN
4	MANO MANO 2

Jade Cinema
(Angeles City) tel (045) 887.5001 to 03

1 (DOLBY EX)	KNIGHT'S TALE
2	MANO MANO 2
3	BANYO QUEEN
4 (DTS ES)	ENEMY AT THE GATES

*Movies are subject to change without prior notice

ADVANCED SCREENING THX DOLBY dts SDDS

CMG INTERNATIONAL
Mile Long Compound, Amorsolo cor. Dela Rosa St., Makati City
Tel. No. 700-8314 to 15
E-Mail: premierethx@asia.com
For VIP, Gold, Silver membership, call: 786-3152 to 55
For reservations, call: 761-2010 to 13

PREMIERE CINEMA THX NOW SHOWING
Walt Disney Pictures Presents
THE PRINCESS DIARIES

ROBINSONS MOVIEWORLD

e-mail: htcs@netasia-mnl.net
http://www.robinsonsmovieworld.com

NOW SHOWING
State-Of-The-Art-Cinemas

GALLERIA
632-9115-16 / 633-7641 loc. 278

1 THX	PRINCESS DIARIES
2	PRINCESS DIARIES
3	ENEMY AT THE GATES
4	SCARY MOVIE 2
5	ORIGINAL SIN
6	A KNIGHT'S TALE
7	RUSH HOUR 2
8	A.I.
9	BANYO QUEEN
10	ORIGINAL SIN

ERMITA
536-7809 TO 12

1	PRINCESS DIARIES
2	SCARY MOVIE 2
3	A KNIGHT'S TALE
4	RUSH HOUR 2
5	BANYO QUEEN
6	ORIGINAL SIN
7	ENEMY AT THE GATES

NOVALICHES
935-3229 TO 31

1	PUKYUTAN
2	PRINCESS DIARIES
3	RESERVE
4	PRINCESS DIARIES
5	A KNIGHT'S TALE
6	BANYO QUEEN
7	ORIGINAL SIN
8	ENEMY AT THE GATES

IMUS
(046) 471-8188

1	A KNIGHT'S TALE
2	SCARY MOVIE 2
3	BANYO QUEEN
4	ORIGINAL SIN
5	PRINCESS DIARIES
6	PUKYUTAN

BACOLOD
(034) 441-0453

1	RUSH HOUR 2
2	A.I.
3	SCARY MOVIE 2
4	CRAZY/ BEAUTIFUL
5	SCREAM... FRIDAY 13TH
6	BAKIT DI TOTOHANIN

SOON TO OPEN

METRO EAST
SAN FERNANDO PAMPANGA
ILOILO

THX dts SDDS DOLBY DOLBY STEREO

SMART MONEY ACCEPTED AT ROBINSONS MOVIEWORLD GALLERIA AND ERMITA.

THEATER MOVIE GUIDE

ARANETA CENTER THEATERS 911-3101	
ALI MALL CINEPLEX-1	BANYO QUEEN
ALI MALL CINEPLEX-2	BUKAS BABAHA NG DUGO
ALI MALL CINEPLEX-3 (DDS)	PRINCESS DIARIES
ALI MALL CINEPLEX-4 (SDDS)	ORIGINAL SIN
ALI MALL CINEPLEX-5 (DTS)	ENEMY AT THE GATES
ALI MALL CINEPLEX-6 (DOLBY)	SCARY MOVIE 2
ALI MALL CINEPLEX-7 (DOLBY)	A KNIGHT'S TALE
FARMERS PLAZA-1 (DOLBY)	PUKYUTAN
FARMERS PLAZA-2 (DOLBY)	ORIGINAL SIN
FIESTA CARNIVAL	CLOSED FOR RENOVATION
NEW FRONTIER	CLOSED FOR RENOVATION
MANILA	
EASTERN	
MAXIM	CLOSED
MIRAMAR	PANINDA/TEASER
ODEON	ORIGINAL SIN
ODEON-2	BORLESK QUEEN
ROBEN	PUKYUTAN
TANDEM-1	SEX MEDUSA
TANDEM-2	SEX EDUCATION
TIMES	DUNGEON.../DRIVER
QUEZON CITY	
ACT-1	SENSUAL ISLAND
ACT-2	KAYA KO PERO MASAKIT
ACT-3	CLOSED
ACT-4	CLOSED
CORONET-2	ORIGINAL SIN
QUEZON-1	PUKYUTAN
REMAR	PUKYUTAN
REMAR-2	BURLESK QUEEN
NOVA MALL - NOVALICHES CINEMA	
A	BANYO QUEEN
B	MANO MANO 2
C	
MANDALUYONG CITY	
SHANGRI-LA PLAZA MALL	635-20-79 / 633-78-51 TO 70
CINEMA-1	ORIGINAL SIN
CINEMA-2	PRINCESS DIARIES
CAINTA RIZAL	
STA. LUCIA EAST	(681-5401 TO 19)
CINEMA-1	BAKIT DI TOTOHANIN
CINEMA-2	MANO MANO 2
CINEMA-3	PUKYUTAN
CINEMA-4 (DOLBY DIGITAL)	RUSH HOUR 2
CINEMA-5 (DTS)	PRINCESS DIARIES
CINEMA-6	A.I.
CINEMA-7	BURLESK QUEEN
CINEMA-8	BUKAS BABAHA NG DUGO
CINEMA-9 (DTS)	PRINCESS DIARIES
CINEMA-10 (DOLBY DIGITAL)	ENEMY AT THE GATES
CINEMA-11 (SDDS)	A KNIGHT'S TALE
CINEMA-12	SCARY MOVIE 2
CINEMA-14	ORIGINAL SIN
CINEMA-15	BANYO QUEEN
LORES	
CINEMA-2	CLOSED
CINEMA-3	CLOSED
POWER PLANT CINEMA	
CINEMA-1	PRINCESS DIARIES
CINEMA-2	A KNIGHT'S TALE
CINEMA-3	PRINCESS DIARIES
CINEMA-4	ORIGINAL SIN
CINEMA-5	ENEMY AT THE GATES
CINEMA-6	PRINCESS DIARIES
UNIWIDE METROMALL	
(LAS PIÑAS)	
CINEMA-1	SOON TO OPEN
CINEMA-2	SOON TO OPEN
CINEMA-4	SOON TO OPEN
UNIWIDE COASTAL MALL	
(PARAÑAQUE)	
CINEMA-1	THE STRANGER
CINEMA-2	AMBISYOSA
CINEMA-4	THALIA

Once again, PMA myth is destroyed

(From page A 17)

Gualberto is being rewarded with a plum regional post because he's "super" efficient as CIDG chief.

Under him, CIDG has notched many arrests of crime suspects. Among them are the suspects in the robbery and rape of two students of an exclusive girls' school. The girls were passengers of a jeepney that was held up.

Gualberto is reportedly set to replace the director of PNP Regional Police Office 4 in Southern Tagalog whose present head is what they call in the police as an "NPA" or nonperforming asset.

***

The guy that Gualberto is about to replace is a graduate of the Philippine Military Academy (PMA). Gualberto entered the police service through the Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC).

Gualberto's example once again destroys the myth that all graduates of the premier military school are better than their counterparts who entered the service through the ROTC or "direct commission."

Ex-mayor hunted for mayor's killing

By Alcuin Papa

FORMER Mayor Enrique "Bot Asac" Viudez of San Ildefonso, Bulacan is the subject of a nationwide manhunt in connection with the killing of Mayor Honorato Galvez on June 9, 2000.

The Philippine National Police chief, Director General Leandro Mendoza, gave the order after Judge Basilio Gabo of the Bulacan Regional Trial Court Branch 11 issued an arrest warrant against Viudez.

Mendoza ordered the Southern Tagalog regional director, Chief Supt. Domingo Reyes, to track down Viudez following reports that the latter was hiding in Batangas or Quezon province.

Mendoza also told the PNP-Aviation Security Group to stay alert after the Bureau of Immigration issued a hold-departure order against the former mayor.

It was also learned that police recently arrested four of the gunmen in the Galvez killing — Cirilo de la Cruz, Gilbert Chico, Ronald Malacsa and Edgardo Fernando.

One of the alleged masterminds in the Galvez killing, identified as Eulogio Villanueva, former San Ildefonso municipal administrator, is believed to have fled to the United States.

Viudez earlier denied his involvement in the killing of Galvez. But investigation revealed that Viudez might have had a political motive to kill Galvez.

'Rebels' threaten Quezon City judge

BY PHILIP TUBEZA

SECURITY was tightened around a Quezon City Metropolitan Trial Court (MTC) judge yesterday after communist rebels allegedly threatened to kill him.

MTC Branch 38 presiding Judge Ralph H. Lee yesterday received a letter purportedly from the rebels warning him that it was "pay(back) time," said Chief Insp. Rudy Jaraza, head of the Central Police District-Criminal Investigation Unit-homicide section.

Lee said the death threat might be due to a land case that was being tried in Lee's sala. The case could result in the demolition of 300 shanties in Old Balara, Quezon City.

Jaraza said the letter was mailed at the Araneta Center and Lee's office received it yesterday morning. The letter had no return address.

The letter was made up of words cut out from newspapers and pasted on yellow paper.

The letter said in Filipino: "The whisper and shout of the NPA (the New People's Army), the law of the land. Judge Lee abducted and set on fire by an NPA leader."

The letter gave the place where Lee was supposed to be killed: "Bahay Kubo, KM 93, San Isidro, Lubao, Pampanga."

The letter added, "P1 million, trigger man in the ABB (Alex Boncayao Brigade)."

Her life for a lost necklace

"I LOST the P50,000 necklace. I'll just pay for it with my life."

Allen Jutis, 22, wrote these words in her suicide note before she shot herself Wednesday morning in Valenzuela City, police said.

Investigators said the young woman apparently killed herself for losing a P50,000 necklace she had borrowed from a friend.

She was afraid that her friend would be angry so she took a .38-caliber Armscore revolver and shot herself in her room at Fortune Village in Paso de Blas, Valenzuela around 1 p.m., police said.

A suicide note and a handgun were found beside the victim's body, police said.

Police had not identified the owner of the necklace. *Christian V. Esguerra*

Alvarez . . .

(From page A17)

The NHI has established that the Mehan Garden is a historical site. And as such, it is unlawful for any person to modify, alter, repair or destroy the original features of the site without prior permission from the NHI.

The Manila city government has maintained that the project site was not part of the Mehan Garden.

"The project is on Basa Street and the parking lot at the back of the Metropolitan Theater," said city legal officer Melchor Monsod.

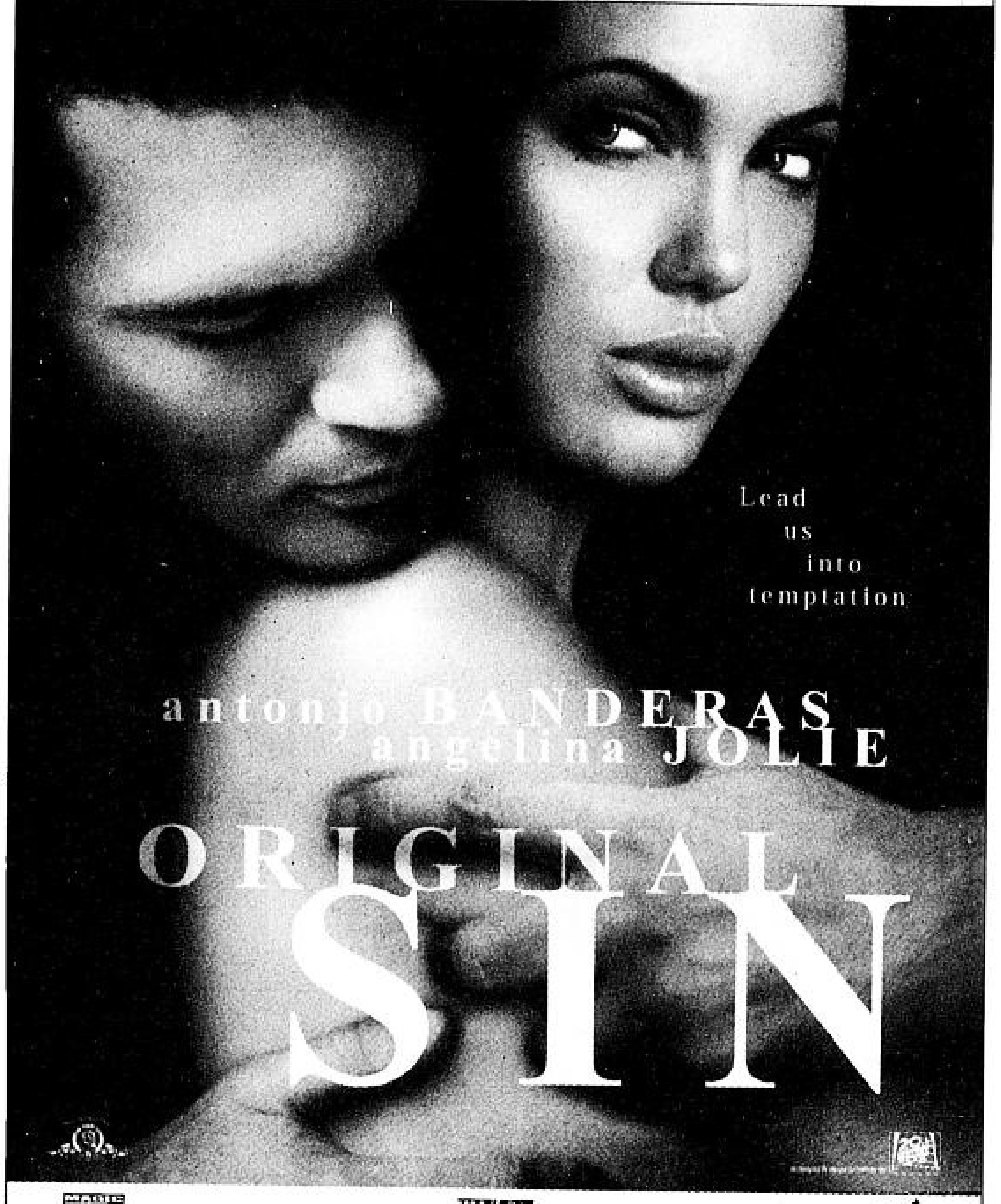
He said only the courts could stop City Hall from continuing the projects.

POWER PLANT
CINEMA
Rockwell Center, Makati City ☎ Tel. No: 8981440-41 DOLBY DIGITAL SURROUND-EX

PRINCESS DIARIES - GP 11:40, 2:05, 4:30, 6:55, 9:20	A KNIGHT'S TALE - P 13 11:25, 2:00, 4:35, 7:10, 9:45	PRINCESS DIARIES - GP 12:30, 2:55, 5:20, 7:45, 10:10
ORIGINAL SIN - R 18 11:00, 1:15, 3:30, 5:50, 8:10, 10:30	ENEMY AT THE GATES - R 18 11:20, 2:00, 4:40, 7:20, 10:00	PRINCESS DIARIES - GP 10:55, 1:20, 3:45, 6:10, 8:35, 11:00

Matinee: P80, Mon.-Fri. 11:10 am to 4:45 pm Screenings, Free Seating.

NOW SHOWING
MTRCB RATING R-18 Strictly for ADULTS No one below 18 yrs. may be admitted.


Lead us into temptation
antonio BANDERAS
angelina JOLIE
ORIGINAL SIN

DISTRIBUTED BY TWENTIETH CENTURY FOX THRU WARNER BROS.

AYALA CINEMAS ARTFILM - GLORIETTA 4 Art Film
NOW SHOWING
MTRCB RATING ▶ R Restricted | Strictly for ADULTS. No one below 18 yrs. may be admitted.

THE INVISIBLE CIRCUS

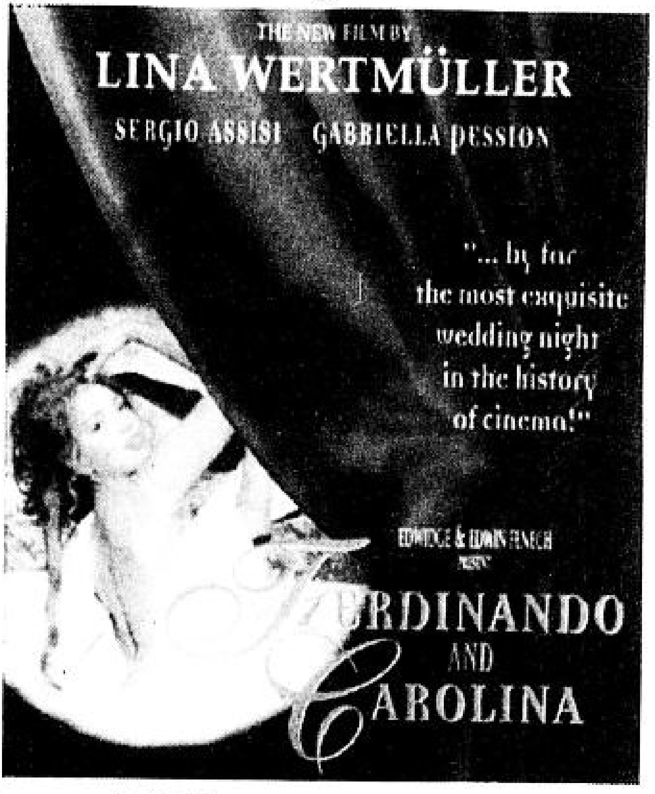
A MUST SEE!
CAMERON DIAZ SHINES IN THIS FILM!
THE INVISIBLE CIRCUS
Jordana Brewster Christopher Eccleston
& Cameron Diaz

Based on Jennifer Egan's first novel, follows the journey of eighteen-year-old Phoebe, who travels to Europe in the late 1970s to find out what had caused the death of her sister, Faith, several years earlier while traveling there with her boyfriend, Wolf. On her journey of discovery, Phoebe retraces Faith's trail from San Francisco to Paris, and finally to Portugal to the very cliff side village where Faith had committed suicide -- but not before experiencing a bad LSD trip and sleeping with her dead sister's boyfriend first. It's a haunting tale that interweaves death, mystery, memory and loss. But more than that, it delves into the fathomless pith of the '60s – a generation whose dreamers indulged in ideals that seemed to turn the world, and their own lives, upside-down and inside-out.

NOW SHOWING!
MTRCB RATING ▶ R RESTRICTED | STRICTLY FOR ADULTS No one below 18 yrs. may be admitted
RENZO CRUZ and LEANDRO BALDEMOR

featuring PYKE MONTEVERO
INA RAYMUNDO in
Burlesk Queen NGAYON
RICKY BELMONTE · JEAN SABURIT · TERESA LOYZAGA and ROY RODRIGO
ALVIN ANSON · MARITA ZOBEL · ENRICO CONTRERAS
RE - ISSUE
Photographed by ROMY VITUG
A Film by JOSE N. CARREON
FILM INTERNATIONAL Special Presentation

AYALA CINEMAS Art Film Your Alternative Cinema TMV FILMS
present
The Philippine Premiere
of


THE NEW FILM BY
LINA WERTMÜLLER
SERGIO ASSISI GABRIELLA PESSION
"... by far the most exquisite wedding night in the history of cinema!"
FERDINANDO AND CAROLINA

MTRCB Rating: Restricted (R)
(No one below 18 yrs. may be admitted)
FERDINANDO & CAROLINA

The life and times of Italy's King Ferdinando are played for laughs in this comic historical piece directed by controversial Italian director Lina Wertmuller. On his death bed in the 1820s, King Ferdinando I of Naples tries to escape the ghosts of his bloody kingship by remembering his younger days, when he was allowed to go hunting and have fun, and inventing love games. Then he was obliged to marry Maria Carolina of Austria, daughter of Empress Maria Theresa, in a political marriage: unexpectedly, they became happy lovers, until court power games divided them, and a different historical season arrived.

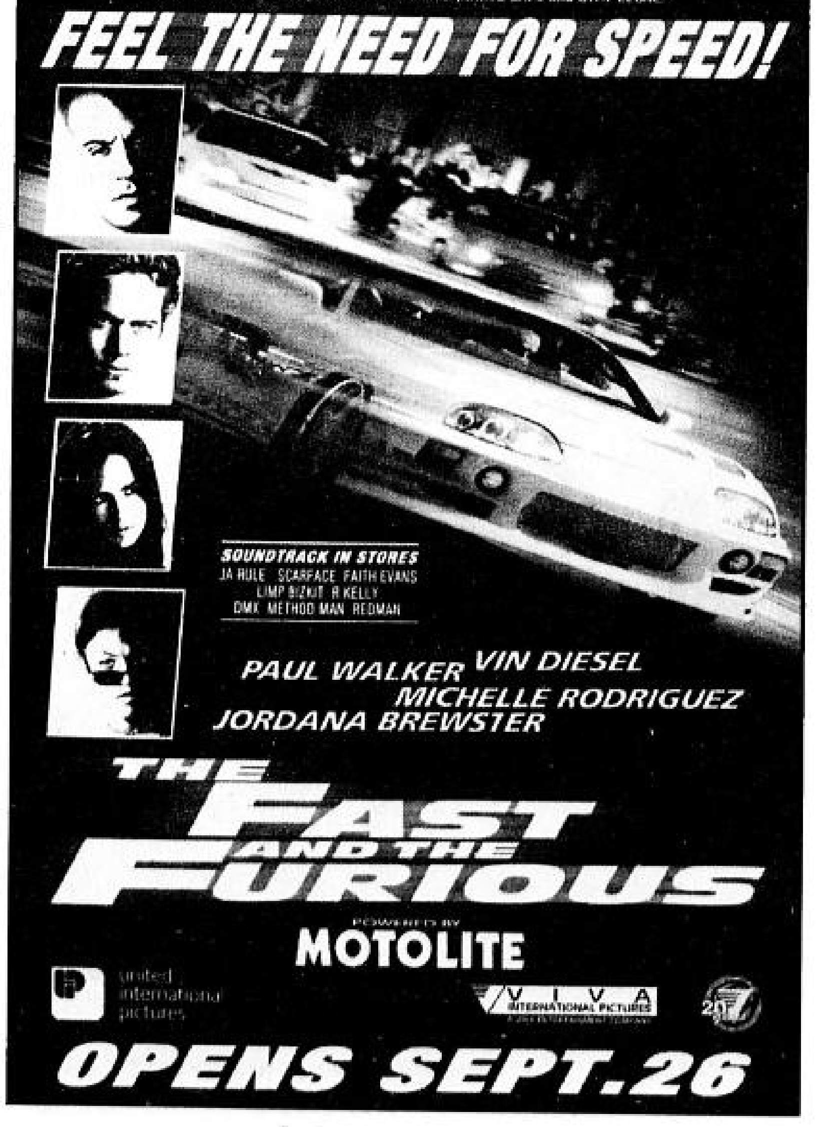
Language: Italian w/ English sub-titles

WARNING! The film is suitable for adults only due to strong sexual images, pervasive nudity, violence and language.

OPENS SEPT. 26 (WED.)
Only at *ARTFILM* - GLORIETTA 4 CINEMAS

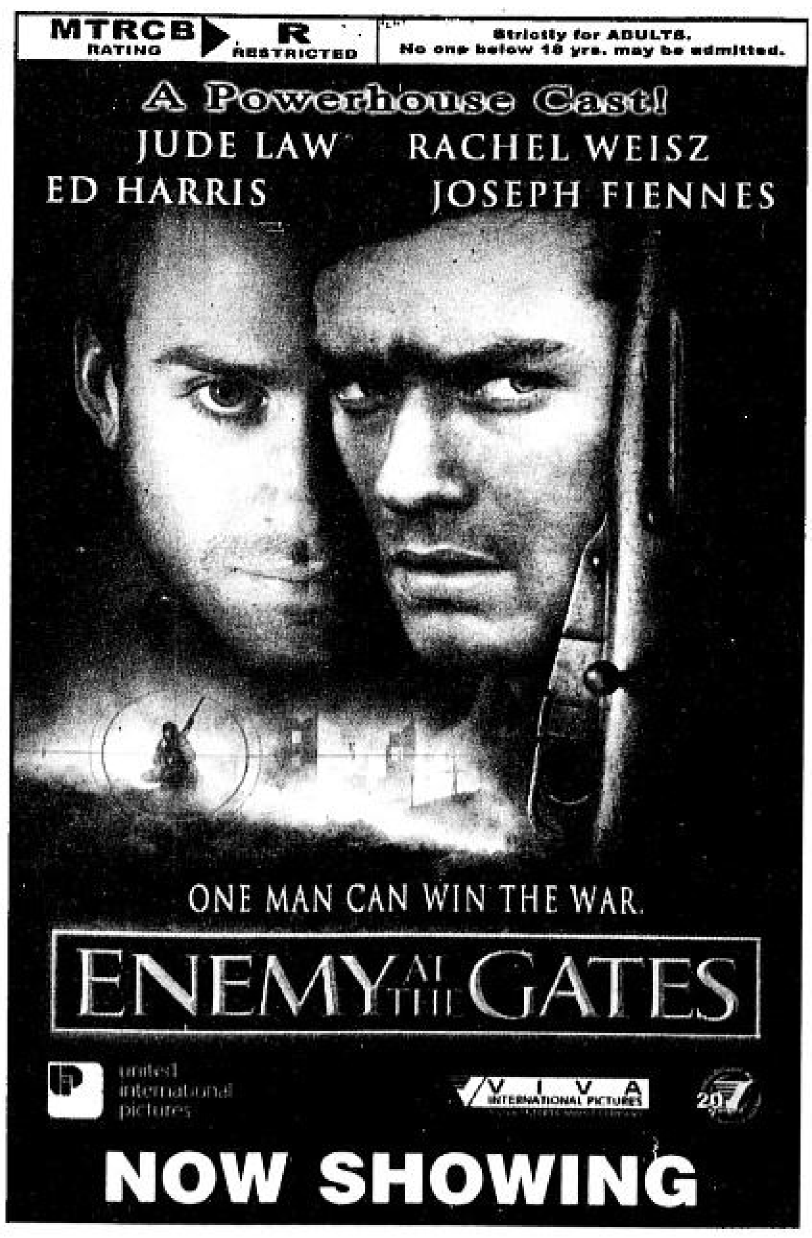
MTRCB RATING ▶ R RESTRICTED | Strictly for ADULTS. No one below 18 yrs. may be admitted.
"The car, truck & motorcycle stunts in the movie were performed by professional stunt drivers using proper safety gear in the presence of emergency ambulance & medical equipment. They should not be emulated nor done in the streets. Be SMART, DRIVE SAFE and STAY LEGAL."

FEEL THE NEED FOR SPEED!


SOUNDTRACK IN STORES
JA RULE SCARFACE FAITH EVANS
LIMP BIZKIT R KELLY
DMX METHOD MAN REDMAN
PAUL WALKER VIN DIESEL
MICHELLE RODRIGUEZ
JORDANA BREWSTER
THE FAST AND THE FURIOUS

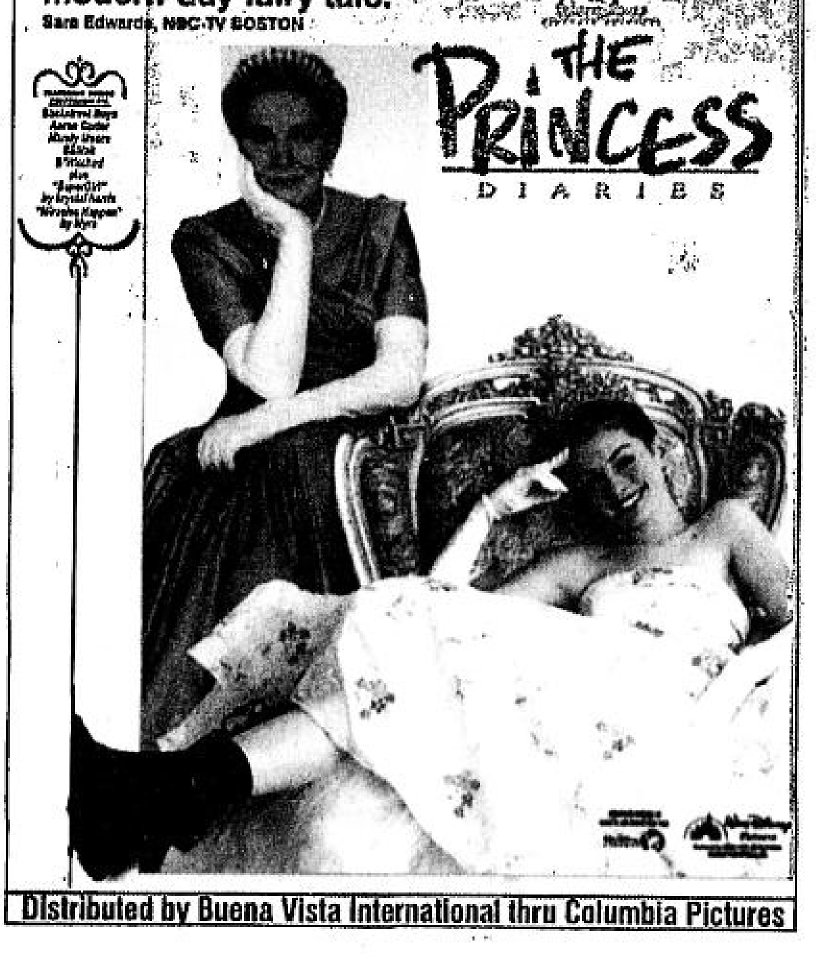
POWERED BY MOTOLITE
united international pictures VIVA INTERNATIONAL PICTURES
OPENS SEPT. 26

MTRCB RATING ▶ R RESTRICTED | Strictly for ADULTS. No one below 18 yrs. may be admitted.
A Powerhouse Cast!
JUDE LAW RACHEL WEISZ
ED HARRIS JOSEPH FIENNES


ONE MAN CAN WIN THE WAR.
ENEMY AT THE GATES

united international pictures VIVA INTERNATIONAL PICTURES
NOW SHOWING

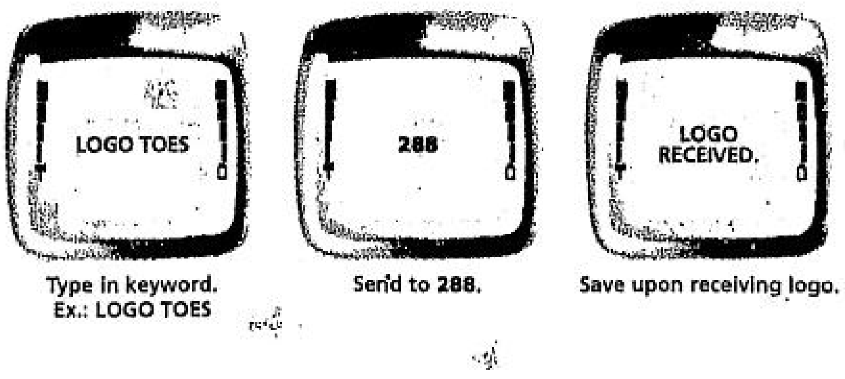
4TH "COOLEST ROYAL TRANSFORMATION" DAY!
MTRCB RATING ▶ G General Patronage | ALL AGES ADMITTED
From The Director Of "PRETTY WOMAN" and "RUNAWAY BRIDE"
Julie Andrews Anne Hathaway
"A hip, funny and moving modern-day fairy tale."
Sara Edwards, NBC-TV BOSTON


THE PRINCESS DIARIES

Distributed by Buena Vista International thru Columbia Pictures

THE POWER TO LIVE THE LIFE YOU CHOOSE.
SMART
zed™
LOGO EYESONLY
SUPER
LOGO SUPER
BIMBO
LOGO BIMBO1
LOGO TEDDY2
LOGO TOES
LOGO GOKART2
LOGO PUPPY2
LOGO DATE1
HONEY!
LOGO HONEY1
LOGO BASKET1
NO STRESS!
LOGO NOSTRESS1
LOGO F3
LOGO FM
LOGO LAUNDRY
LOGO BFLY1
LOGO BUNNIE2
LOGO BZZ
LOGO FLEA1
High Speed
LOGO HIGHSPEED
My Pet
LOGO MYPET
LOGO TURTLE1
LOGO CFLAG
LOGO WORM2
LOGO BLONDIE1

HOW TO DOWNLOAD LOGO:


LOGO TOES
288
LOGO RECEIVED.

Type in keyword.
Ex.: LOGO TOES

Send to **288.**

Save upon receiving logo.

Shoot for the latest logos.

Lock and load the latest SMART zed logos on your SMART celfone. Just type LOGO <logo name> and send to 288 to download the hottest logos that adds some pop to your celfone.

Available for selected Nokia cell phones. ₱12.00 for every successful download.
You can also download a caller group icon, just type ICON <logo name> and send to 288.

SMART
Simply Amazing!

To get a list of keywords for other SMART zed services, type **KEYS** and send to 288.

Available through:

SMART GOLD   Buddy

For more info, visit www.smart.com.ph

BUSINESS

RAUL O. MARCELO, Editor ■ **CORRIE S. NARISMA**, Assistant Editor

MOTOLITE
EXPRESS HATID
843-1111
Available in Metro Manila only

10 groups offer to buy Napocor assets

BY RONNEL W. DOMINGO

CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY—The government has received about 10 proposals from Asian and European investors to buy the transmission assets of the state-owned National Power Corp.

Edgardo del Fonso, president of the Power Sector Assets and Liabilities Management, told reporters yesterday that prospective buyers wanted to assess the regulatory environment and see if the assets were in good condition before making firm commitments.

"We have received a handful of proposals from various investors, at least eight to 10," Del Fonso said on the sidelines of a public hearing on the proposed rules to be adopted for the privatization of Napocor.

The government has scheduled the sale of the transmission assets in the first quarter of 2002. This would be followed by the sale of the power firm's generation assets, which were expected to fetch about $5 billion.

Del Fonso's company was formed recently to oversee the sale of the transmission and generation assets of the state-owned utility.

"They (prospective investors) are looking for some preconditions before they make their final commitment here," Del Fonso said.

"They will have to see if the regulatory environment is already set up, the assets are in good condition, the implementing rules and regulations are approved, and the wholesale (electricity) spot market is established."

On Thursday, the Department of Energy led in Cagayan de Oro City the kickoff of a series of public consultation on the new law's implementing rules.

Energy Secretary Vicente Perez Jr. said they aimed to come up with the final draft of the law before the end of October.

Del Fonso declined to identify the 10 prospective buyers.

Napocor officials previously said Britain's National Grid, Electricite de France, Electric Development Corp. of Japan and Kyushu Corp. were among the firms which had expressed keen interest in its transmission assets under the National Transmission Corp. or Transco. Napocor's transmission assets were worth between $2.4 billion and $2.5 billion.

Transco, formerly a part of Napocor, was made independent under the Electric Power Industry Reform Act.

The same law created Psalm Corp., which would completely take over by Dec: 27 all of Napocor's disposable assets and assume its financial obligations as of end-2000.

Del Fonso would not say whether Transco would be sold or offered for concession, but he noted that most other countries that privatized power transmission services chose concession agreements.

In an earlier interview, Perez said that putting the Transco first on the auction block was a strategic move in relation to similar privatization moves in Singapore and South Korea.

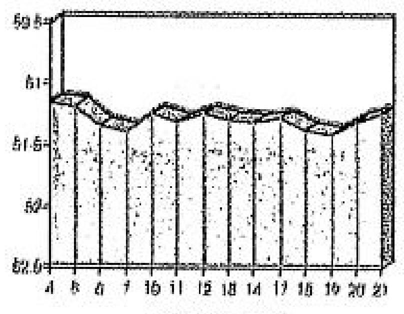
"They are also privatizing generating assets next year (and we don't want to do it) at the same time," he said.

He added that the plan was to attract more buyers for the power-generation assets and this would be more likely if investors knew that a world-class operator would be managing Transco.

INDICATORS

CURRENCIES

PESO - DOLLAR



SEPTEMBER

GRAPHS BY ROBERT B. ANDRES

Peso-Dollar Rate

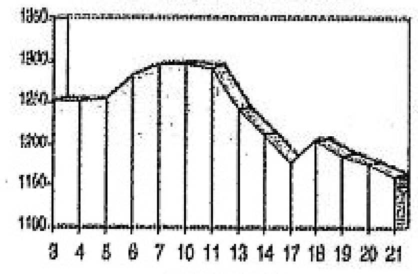
P 51.23 = $1
As of 5 p.m.,
Sept. 21, 2001

¥ 116.78 = $1
As of 5 p.m.,
Sept. 21, 2001

GOLD:$290/291
per ounce Hong Kong,
Sept. 21, 2001

STOCK MARKET

PSE Composite Index



SEPTEMBER

(See stock market report on Page B2)

Stocks end lower

SHARES closed weaker for the third straight session yesterday to reach a new three-year low as the market mirrored the falls in offshore markets on worries of a looming global recession.

Traders said the market's downward bias was likely to persist in the coming weeks as players await the US military action against perpetrators of the air attacks on New York and Washington last week.

Investors unloaded Ayala Land and Manila Electric Co. but there were some bargain hunting in San Miguel Corp., seen likely to survive any crisis being a basic food and beverage producer.

The Philippine composite index closed 14.58 points, or 1.24 percent lower at 1,162.85 points. *Reuters*

Steady T-bill rates seen

NATIONAL Treasurer Sergio Edeza yesterday said he expected Treasury bill rates to move sideways at the government auction next week despite creeping debt yields in the secondary market.

"We don't expect substantial changes in rates. Possibly, it might just move sideways," Edeza told Reuters in a telephone interview.

At the government auction on Monday, the 91-day T-bill went up to 9.467 percent from last week's 9.454 percent. The 182-day dropped to 11.629 percent from 11.803 percent, while the 364-day dipped to 12.544 percent from 12.689.

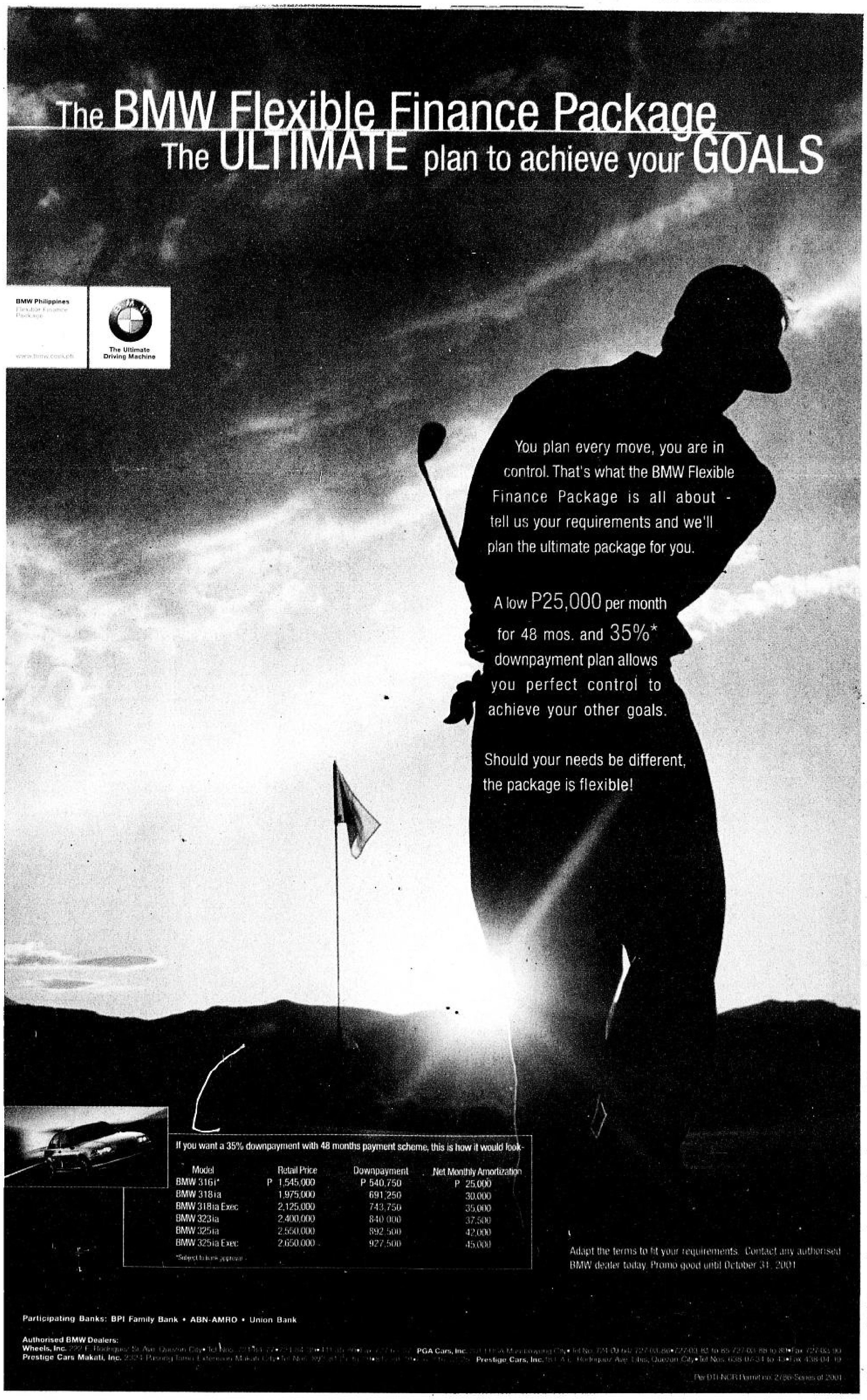
Traders said it was likely Treasury bills will fetch higher rates at the government auction next week following the rise in debt yields in the secondary market in reaction to the central bank's decision to keep overnight rates unchanged. *Reuters*

RP raises US offering

THE PHILIPPINES is seeking to raise $1.2 billion from a shelf offering filed with the US Securities and Exchange Commission yesterday, an increase from $800 million in a previous filing.

The shelf registration, which was amended from a July 19 filing, offers debt securities and warrants and includes $400 million of previously registered but unsold debt securities.

The Philippine government said it plans to use the proceeds from the offering for general purposes, including budget support and repayment of domestic borrowings. *Reuters*


The BMW Flexible Finance Package
The ULTIMATE plan to achieve your GOALS
BMW Philippines
Flexible Finance Package
www.bmw.com.ph
The Ultimate Driving Machine

You plan every move, you are in control. That's what the BMW Flexible Finance Package is all about - tell us your requirements and we'll plan the ultimate package for you.

A low P25,000 per month for 48 mos. and 35%* downpayment plan allows you perfect control to achieve your other goals.

Should your needs be different, the package is flexible!

If you want a 35% downpayment with 48 months payment scheme, this is how it would look-

Model	Retail Price	Downpayment	Net Monthly Amortization
BMW 316i*	P 1,545,000	P 540,750	P 25,000
BMW 318ia	1,975,000	691,250	30,000
BMW 318ia Exec	2,125,000	743,750	35,000
BMW 323ia	2,400,000	840,000	37,500
BMW 325ia	2,550,000	892,500	42,000
BMW 325ia Exec	2,650,000	927,500	45,000

*Subject to bank approval

Adapt the terms to fit your requirements. Contact any authorised BMW dealer today. Promo good until October 31, 2001

Participating Banks: BPI Family Bank • ABN-AMRO • Union Bank

Authorised BMW Dealers:
Wheels, Inc. [illegible] PGA Cars, Inc. [illegible]
Prestige Cars Makati, Inc. [illegible] Prestige Cars, Inc. [illegible]

Per DTI-NCR Permit no. 2786 Series of 2001

Yields of RP debt papers up

YIELDS of Philippine debt papers continued their ascent yesterday on growing disappointment over the Bangko Sentral's firm decision to keep overnight interest rates steady despite rate cuts abroad.

Traders said it was likely that Treasury bills would fetch higher rates at the government auction next week.

"Bids are creeping up as the Philippines continued to buck the trend. Yields are also up. Offers are also up," a trader from a foreign bank said.

"There are many offers but the bids are few. So there were few transactions. What should have been a bullish market is now rather bearish," the trader said.

The Bangko Sentral decided on Thursday to leave overnight interest rates steady at its weekly policy-making Monetary Board meeting.

The overnight borrowing rate stands at 9 percent and the lending rate at 11.25 percent.

The central bank, which held an emergency meeting on Tuesday after the US Federal Reserve cut its target rate by 50 basis points, chose to keep the rates unchanged because of possible oil price increases in the coming weeks which may feed inflationary pressures.

"We reviewed everything we said on Tuesday and it remains the same. Why change when there are uncertainties?" Bangko Sentral Governor Rafael Buenaventura told reporters on Thursday.

Asked if the bank would wait for September inflation data before considering a rate cut, he said: "Probably."

The inflation rate for August was at 6.3 percent. Release of September inflation data is scheduled for Oct. 5.

The US move was followed by the European Central Bank, Britain, Japan, South Korea and New Zealand among others, as central banks sought to head off a threatened global recession.

On average, yields across maturities rose yesterday with the five-year paper going up by 20 basis points and the one-year by 15 basis points.

"The five-year was dealt at 15 percent. That came up from 14.625 a week ago. This is something strange, because almost all local currency bonds rallied today. And the Philippines is doing the opposite," a second trader said.

Dealers said the market was looking to the results of the government auction next week for indications on how the Bureau of Treasury will handle the rising yields.

Last Monday, the 91-day T-bill went up to 9.467 percent from last week's 9.454 percent. The 182-day dropped to 11.629 percent from 11.803 percent, while the 364-day dipped to 12.544 percent from 12.689.

"The market will not be aggressive. Based on the bids right now, it can go higher at the auction," a dealer said.

Best bids for the three-month were at 9.85 percent; six-month at 11.85 percent; one-year at 12.75 percent; two-year at 14 percent; five-year at 15.2 percent; seven-year at 15.525 percent; 10-year at 15.675 percent; 20-year at 15.75 percent; and 25-year at 15.85 percent.

Reuters

French cement firm seen consolidating RP units

By Doris C. Dumlao

SOUTHEAST Asia Cement Holdings Inc., the local unit of French cement giant La Farge S.A., is readying a corporate restructuring strategy aimed at consolidating its operations with other affiliate cement companies.

In a disclosure to the Philippine Stock Exchange yesterday, Seacem spokesperson Romeo Versula said the company's board of directors has approved the assignment to La Farge Cement Services Inc. of the accounting services agreement with its associated companies subject to their consent.

The directors also approved the execution of a services agreement with LCSI for the provision of necessary corporate services.

The new agreement is expected to result in streamlining activities, but the disclosure assured that LCSI would absorb some of Seacem's employees.

"LCSI has expressed an interest in hiring some of the employees who will be superfluous under terms which will recognize their past services and retain their existing pay and benefits," Versula said.

Analysts said the restructuring could be an initial step toward La Farge's consolidation of its local business interests. Following La Farge's acquisition of UK-based Blue Circle Industries, the French company has found new local units in the Republic Cement group.

The Republic Cement group, whose strategic partner is the Blue Circle group, includes Fortune Cement, Iligan Cement and Zeus Holdings Inc.

If consolidated with Seacem, Republic Cement, the second biggest cement group in the country next to the Phinma group, is expected to be the surviving entity.

Earlier, Fortune Cement has announced that it would henceforth use La Farge's trademarks, trade name, corporate logo and other intellectual property. The other units are expected to follow suit.

Versula said Seacem's board had authorized the management to "offer a dichotomy of separation packages" applicable to two sets of dismissed employees:

- A package that merely complies with the minimum legal standard—one month pay or one month pay for every year of service, whichever is higher—to be given to those who are offered jobs by LCSI but have declined.
- An enhanced package, inclusive of minimum legal standard to be given to those who will not land jobs in LCSI because they have not been made an offer.

"LCSI has agreed to shoulder the cost of the difference between the enhanced package and the legal minimum," Versula said.

SEC approves Boni firm's ₱1-B debt float

By Elena R. Torrijos

THE SECURITIES and Exchange Commission has approved Fort Bonifacio Development Corp.'s application to renew its license to issue P1 billion worth of short-term commercial papers (STCPs).

FBDC is a joint venture between the state-owned Bases Conversion Development Authority and Bonifacio Land Corp.

SEC documents showed that FBDC would use the proceeds from the sale of its STCPs as working capital for vertical projects and site, infrastructure and project development activities of the areas in the expanded Big Delta area of the Bonifacio Global City.

FBDC has tapped Wise Capital Investment and Trust Co. as lead selling agent.

The STCPs, which mature in a year, will have various tenors ranging from 30 to 360 days, and can be purchased in lots of P500,000.

The debt instruments will carry an interest rate equivalent to prevailing money market rates.

Philippine Ratings Corp. gave a rating of PRS-3 on FBDC's capability to pay both principal and interest on the P1-billion STCPs. The rating indicates satisfactory ability of the issuer to pay the debt instrument issues as these fall due.

NEW! Pocket Viewer CASIO

Slim and Stylish design! Comes with Travel Phrase Guide!

Just 11.7mm Slim!

At popular prices. Check your nearest dealer for more details.

PV-S660 Cover prevents screen damage.

6MB User Area:4MB Add-in*Area+OS Area:2MB

Compatible with Windows® 2000/98/95/NT® Workstation 4.0
*PV Application

PV-S460 Cover prevents screen damage.

4MB User Area:2MB Add-in*Area+OS Area:2MB

Compatible with Windows® 2000/98/95/NT® Workstation 4.0
*PV Application

- Pocket Sheet Sync for Microsoft® Excel 95/97/2000
- PV Aplications
- Travel Phrase Guide (English, Spanish, French, German, Italian, Japanese)
- PC-sync
- Synchronization with Microsoft® Outlook® 97/98/2000
- PIM Functions
- Quick Data Copy
- Action Control Operation
- Backlit Display
- Multi-lingual Messages (English, Spanish, French, German, Italian)

NEW! Travel Phrase Guide

Comes with databases of travel phrases in a selection of different languages. Select the source language and target language for instant translation with a tap of your stylus!

CASSIOPEIA Colour Pocket PC E-125

PhP 27,000

- Pocket Excel
- Pocket Word
- E-mail
- Pocket Internet Explorer
- Windows Media Player
- Mobile Video Player
- Mobile Camera

Windows® data in the palm of your hand!
The new Cassiopeia is the Pocket PC that does more."

AVAILABLE AT: WESTERN Grand Central; Kalookan; Citimall Paranaque; SM Megamall; P. Tuazon; Farmer's Plaza; Ever Gotesco-Commonwealth • GLOBATRONICS Rocto : Sta Rosa ; Filinvest Alabang • ABACUS MICROCOMPUTER Virra Mall • ABM COMPUTER Virra Mall • ARX COMPUTER Galleria ; EDSA Shangrila ; SM Sucat ; Galleria PERFECTBYTE Galleria • COMPLINK SM Bacoor ; CitiMall ; SM North EDSA • BROCHIERE COMPUTER EDSA Shangri-La ; SM Megamall ; Filinvest Alabang ; Virra Mall; Makati • COMPUTER FARM SM Bacoor; Filinvest Alabang; Shangri-La Plaza ; SM Fairview • HURRICANE SM Southmall • INFORMATE COMPUTER Galleria • MOBILE 1 Park Square; Greenbelt • NT COMPUTER Shangri-La Plaza ; SM Fairview Southmall • STARAPPLE COMPUTER EDSA Shangri-La ; Filinvest Alabang ; Makati ; SM Southmall • TCA Festival Mall ; SM Bacoor; Park Square; SM Megamall: Virra Mall, EDSA Shangri-La; Sta. Lucia; SM SouthMall; SM Bacoor

FOR INQUIRIES CALL: Business Plus 637-6420 to 22 Email: westinfo@mozcom.com Fax: 637-8419
Suite 301-304, AIC Gold Tower, Emerald Ave., Ortigas Center , Pasig City, Phils.

DISCLOSURES

GLOBE Telecom Inc. confirmed it has signed an interconnection agreement with **Nextel Communications Philippines Inc.** which would require the latter to pay Globe an access charge of P4.50 per minute while Nextel will be paid P3 per minute.

* * *

EXPRESS Holdings Inc., wholly owned subsidiary of **JG Summit Holdings Inc.**, bought 29,000 shares of **Robinsons Land Corp.** at P1.60 per share and 60,000 shares of **Universal Robina Corp.** at P4.30 per share.

* * *

CHEMICAL Industries of the Philippines Inc. will hold its annual stockholders' meeting on Sept. 27, 10 a.m. at the 7/F boardroom of Chemphil Building, Makati City. Stockholders as of Sept. 22 are entitled to notice of and to vote at the meeting.

* * *

BELLE Corp. scheduled its annual stockholders' meeting on Nov. 29 with record date on Oct. 29.

* * *

SOUTHEAST Asia Cement Holdings Inc. announced the election of Peter Hoddinott as director and chair of the company. He replaced Philip Roseberg who resigned.

* * *

CHEMPHIL Group disclosed that 25 managers/employees have availed themselves of the company's early retirement program.

* * *

ELECTED directors of **Active Alliance Inc.** were Lincoln Le Chuen Chen, Godofredo Galindez Jr., Renato Reyes, Cesar Anton Galindez, Christine Baso, Mario Tongson and Tirso Tardecilla.

Compiled by Maricar D. Tolosa, PDI Research

Philippine Stock Exchange

(As of Friday Sept. 2[illegible]1)

STOCKS	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE	VOLUME
BANKS & FINANCIAL SERVICES					
BANKS					
Bank of the Phil. Islands	52.5	53.5	52.5	52.5	439,400
China Banking Corp.	550	550	550	550	500
Equitable PCI Bank Inc.	25.5	25.5	25	25	87,800
Metropolitan Bank & Trust	204	207	204	206	56,580
Philippine National Bank	50	50.5	49	50.5	301,900
Phil. Savings Bank	29	29	28	29	14,000
Security Bank Corp.	18	18.25	17.75	18.25	9,100
Union Bank of the Phil.	20	20	18.25	18.25	70,000
FINANCIAL SERVICE					
Bankard Inc.	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	40,000
Manulife Financial Corp.	1160	1165	1160	1165	5,170
Sun Life Financial Serv.	930	930	915	915	1,390
COMMERCIAL & INDUSTRIAL COMMUNICATION					
ABS-CBN Broadcasting Corp.	25.5	25.5	24.5	24.5	17,300
Digital Telecom Phils. Inc.	0.36	0.37	0.36	0.36	2,180,000
Globe Telecom Inc.	630	640	630	640	4,110
Island Info and Tech Inc.	0.026	0.026	0.026	0.026	100,000
Liberty Telecoms Holdings	0.47	0.47	0.47	0.47	270,000
Manila Bulletin Pub. Corp.	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	10,000
Phil. Long Dis Tel Co.	485	485	480	480	45,120
Philweb.Com Inc.	0.025	0.025	0.023	0.024	18,500,000
POWER & ENERGY					
Manila Electric Co. A	28	28	27.5	28	23,400
Manila Electric Co. B	38.5	39	37.5	38	819,000
Petron Corp.	1.36	1.4	1.36	1.38	1,750,000
Trans-Asia Oil and Energy	0.85	0.85	0.85	0.85	70,000
TRANSPORTATION SERVICES					
Int'l Container Term'l Sv	1.72	1.72	1.58	1.6	1,585,000
CONSTRUCTION & OTHER RELATED PRODUCTS					
Engineering Equip. Inc.	0.28	0.28	0.28	0.28	20,000
Republic Cement Corp.	1.18	1.18	1.18	1.18	20,000
Union Cement Corp.	1.14	1.18	1.14	1.18	50,000
FOOD, BEVERAGES & TOBACCO					
Alaska Milk Corp.	2.04	2.04	2.04	2.04	75,000
Cosmos Bottling Corp.	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.4	175,000
Jollibee Foods Corp.	12.5	12.5	12.25	12.25	156,800
La Tondeña Distillers Inc.	24	25	24	25	31,900
Pancake House Inc.	1.56	1.56	1.56	1.56	50,000
RFM Corp.	2.1	2.14	2.06	2.06	1,156,000
San Miguel Corp. A	38	39	37.5	39	135,100
San Miguel Corp. B	49.5	50	49.5	50	279,800
Universal Robina Corp.	4.2	4.2	4.2	4.2	212,000
Vitarich Corp.	0.45	0.45	0.45	0.45	100,000
HOLDING FIRMS					
Ayala Corp.	5.8	5.8	5.7	5.7	861,000
Aboitiz Equity Ventures	1.48	1.48	1.48	1.48	500,000
Alliance Global Group Inc.	10.75	10.75	10.5	10.5	800
Ajo.Net Holdings Inc.	0.66	0.7	0.66	0.7	40,000
A. Soriano Corp.	0.44	0.44	0.44	0.44	140,000
Alcorn Gold Res. Corp.	0.007	0.0075	0.007	0.007	256,000,000
Balabac Resources & Hldgs.	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.15	60,000
Benpres Holdings Corp.	1.18	1.2	1.12	1.16	2,871,000
Basic Consolidated Inc.	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	10,000
DMCI Holdings Inc.	0.22	0.22	0.21	0.21	770,000
Ebecom Holdings Inc.	0.09	0.09	0.09	0.09	500,000
Filinvest Dev. Corp.	0.72	0.72	0.72	0.72	120,000
First Phil Hldgs Corp.	26	26	25	25	160,600
Global Equities Inc.	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	100,000
Ionics Inc.	9	9	8.8	8.8	13,000
J.G. Summit Holdings Inc.	1.64	1.64	1.62	1.62	843,000
Marsteel Cons. Inc. A	0.013	0.013	0.013	0.013	3,500,000
Megaworld Corp.	0.61	0.62	0.61	0.62	420,000
Multitech Inv. Corp.	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	100,000
Metro Pacific Corp.	0.27	0.28	0.26	0.26	2,110,000
Music Corp.	0.84	0.84	0.8	0.8	80,000
Solid Group Inc.	0.37	0.37	0.37	0.37	130,000
Unioil Res. & Holdings Co.	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.07	100,000
Waterfront Phils. Inc.	0.2	0.25	0.2	0.25	1,450,000
MANUFACTURING, DISTRIBUTION & TRADING					
Corro-Coat Inc.	1.42	1.42	1.42	1.42	5,000
Metro Alliance Holdings	0.37	0.37	0.37	0.37	10,000
Matsushita Elec Phil Corp.	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	33,000
Mabuhay Vinyl Corp.	0.48	0.48	0.48	0.48	110,000
Picop Resources Inc.	0.0875	0.0875	0.0875	0.0875	700,000
Central Azucar Don Pedro	0.74	0.75	0.74	0.74	160,000
Spi Technologies Inc.	10.75	10.75	10.75	10.75	6,000
HOTEL, RECREATION & OTHER SERVICE					
Belle Corp.	0.39	0.39	0.38	0.38	70,000
Fairmont Holdings Inc.	0.48	0.48	0.47	0.47	1,000,000
Manila Jockey Club	19	19	19	19	900
Philippine Racing Club	4.9	4.9	4.9	4.9	24,000
BONDS, PREFERRED & WARRANTS					
ABS-CBN Hldgs. Corp. (Pdr)	25.5	25.5	24	24	28,300
Cosmos Bottling Corp.-Pref.	10	10.25	10	10.25	24,800
Equitable PCI Bank-War	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	2,000
Globe Tel. A-Warrants	470	470	470	470	432,000
Jollibee Warrants	12	12	12	12	20,000
Omico Corp. Warrant	0.002	0.002	0.002	0.002	4,000,000
PLDT 10% Pref Series Aa	10	10	10	10	1,000
Philweb.Com Inc.-Warrants	0.007	0.007	0.007	0.007	11,000,000
OTHERS					
Centro Escolar University	6	6	6	6	4,000
PROPERTY					
Ayala Land Inc.	4.45	4.45	4.35	4.35	7,928,000
Cyber Bay Corp.	0.25	0.25	0.24	0.24	550,000
Empire East Land Inc.	0.24	0.24	0.23	0.23	100,000
Filinvest Land Inc.	1.66	1.66	1.6	1.6	785,000
Philippine Estates Corp.	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	100,000
SM Prime Holdings Inc.	6	6	5.9	6	5,478,000
MINING					
Apex Mining Co. Inc. A	0.0036	0.0036	0.0036	0.0036	3,000,000
Dizon Copper Silver Mines	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	8,000
Itogon-Suyoc Mines A	0.03	0.03	0.028	0.029	6,400,000
Lepanto Cons. Mng. Co. B	0.17	0.17	0.17	0.17	1,620,000
Manila Mining Corp. B	0.0036	0.0038	0.0036	0.0038	20,000,000
Omico Corp.	0.003	0.003	0.003	0.003	47,000,000
Polar Mines & Dev't Corp.	0.016	0.016	0.015	0.016	5,500,000
Philex Mining Corp. B	0.33	0.33	0.31	0.31	1,550,000
OIL					
Interport Res.	0.0044	0.0044	0.0042	0.0042	5,000,000
Oriental Pet. & Min. A	0.0036	0.0036	0.0036	0.0036	3,000,000
Oriental Pet. & Min. B	0.0032	0.0032	0.0032	0.0032	2,000,000
Pacifica	0.013	0.013	0.013	0.013	5,000,000
South China Resources Inc.	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	120,000

	SHARES	VALUE (P)
Banks & Fin Svc	1,025,840	61,546,360.00
Comm'l & Ind'l	316,345,930	313,410,395.00
PRO	14,941,000	68,819,840.00
Mining	85,078,000	1,277,900.00
OIL	15,120,000	133,600.00
GRAND TOTALS:	432,527,770	445,228,575.00
	AVERAGES	
Banks & Fin Svc	477.77	DOWN 8.33
Comm'l & Ind'l	1,634.61	DOWN 19.11
PRO	464.46	DOWN 8.28
Mining	1,159.26	DOWN 8.04
OIL	1.41	UP 0.05
All Shares Index	649.95	DOWN 10.99
Composite	1,162.85	DOWN 14.58

NO. OF ADVANCES: 14; NO. OF DECLINES: 64; NO. OF UNCHANGED: 23;
NO. OF TRADED ISSUES: 101; NO. OF TRADES: 1,722

CURRENCIES

Sept 21, 2001

Country	Unit	Euro Equivalent	Foreign currency in US$	Foreign currency in Peso
United States	Dollar	1.078167	1.000000	51.3730
Japan	Yen	0.009280	0.008607	0.4422
United Kingdom	Pound	1.581887	1.467200	75.3745
Hong Kong	Dollar	0.138404	0.128370	6.5948
Switzerland	Franc	0.679889	0.630597	32.3957
Canada	Dollar	0.686206	0.636456	32.6967
Singapore	Dollar	0.620956	0.575937	29.5876
Australia	Dollar	0.531117	0.492611	25.3069
Bahrain	Dinar	2.860012	2.652661	136.2752
Saudi Arabia	Rial	0.288280	0.267380	13.7361
Brunei	Dollar	0.619174	0.574284	29.5027
Indonesia	Rupiah	0.000114	0.000106	0.0054
Thailand	Baht	0.024426	0.022655	1.1639
UAE	Dirham	0.293618	0.272331	13.9905
Korea	Won	0.000837	0.000776	0.0399
Euro	Euro	1.000000	0.927500	47.6485
Germany	Mark	0.511292	0.474223	24.3623
France	Franc	0.152450	0.141396	7.2639
Netherlands	Guilder	0.453780	0.420881	21.6219
Austria	Schilling	0.072673	0.067404	3.4627
Belgium	Franc	0.024789	0.022992	1.1812
Italy	Lire	0.000516	0.000479	0.0246
Finland	Markka	0.168188	0.155994	8.0139
Portugal	Escudo	0.004988	0.004626	0.2377
Spain	Peseta	0.006010	0.005574	0.2864
Luxemburg	Franc	0.024789	0.022992	1.1812
Ireland	Punt	1.269738	1.177682	60.5011

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING DIVISION
Main Office: PASONG TAMO, MAKATI CITY
☎ 8972535 (Direct) ☎ 8978808 (Trunk) Fax 8974808
G/F ATRIUM BLDG., MAKATI AVENUE, MAKATI CITY
☎ 8114361 ☎ 8114370 ☎ 8114012 Fax 8925578
ST. ANTHONY'S BLDG., AURORA BLVD., QUEZON CITY
☎ 912-9008-11 Fax 912-9011
SM MEGAMALL, MANDALUYONG CITY
☎ 6350219 ☎ 6372008 Fax 6350220
G/F TRINITY BLDG., 636 T.M. KALAW ST., ERMITA, MANILA
☎ 5273342 ☎ 5280183 ☎ 5276357 Fax 5280213
ALABANG, MUNTINLUPA CITY
☎ 8506465 Fax 8506465
e-mail address: main_classifieds@inquirer.com.ph

NATIONAL CLASSIFIEDS

The Widest Reaching Classifieds

RATES
₱230 per column centimeter ₱65 per line
(All prices exclusive of E-VAT)

DEADLINES
for reservations / cancellations / corrections
Mondays to Saturdays 12:00 noon Day before publication
Sundays 12:00 noon every Thursday

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

MEDICAL

PHYSICIAN/SURGEON

RAPID Tx VD-STD
SCARS Ex SWEAT ALLERGIES
15 Annapolis, Greenhills
Call 7276124 to 25 9am-7pm

VDSTD CLINIC T8175071 MATRINCO BLDG. 2178 PTAMO MKT 9-2pm

PHYSICAL THERAPY

PT Home Svc. 0919-2730379

PERSONAL

ARCHITECTS

P3T Land Survey 8819158
P10T/m² Struc'l Design 7282605
P5T Hse/Bldg Plan 7571028

COSMETOLOGY

Cosmetic Surgery
50% DISCOUNT
Nose ; Breast ; Facelift ; Hair Transplant ; Lipo Eyebag / Split Ear Repair
Call 723-2223 / 724-8963

FACIAL SKINCARE
Training/ Workshop
8956031 L2011 OR 8971832

HEALTH/FITNESS

BE SLIM 2443937

•Learn massage in 2 days guaranteed P3500 w/cert. home service 09198457226

MASSAGE

ASK JAMES M/F 24 HRS SERVICES 8511883 100% HDSME

Ask DJ 0919-5973709 (M)

GIGOLO 815-1168

•Glen hmesvc 09198457226

H-H-MS Male 7314018

Male 16 Palanan 7320659

Male Masseur 4101234

M/F Home/Hotel 432-0118

Pretty,European Girl 09192525922

SPICEBOYS 5758150

Swedish Massage 834-7306

UNWIND M/F Mkt 7520437

REFLEXOLOGY

24 HR/Zoren/09173849954

BANAWE SPA M&F 7411426

•COOLFIRE M/F 5611614

Edgar Reflex 7503640 HHS

Edward Reflex 7289285

FIELD OF DREAMS
for M/F 7121066 7123699

Reflex 0917-7503325

Reflex 09196658730/8445117

REFLEX CARLA 716-4898

Scientific Shiatsu Massage 9418001, 09198220378

TUTORIAL LESSONS

•Adept Tutors @ 8833671

LA LUZ 5268216/70

MISCELLANEOUS

VIP-SERVICE-24HRS 8312373 Romy

HOUSEHOLD

APPLIANCE REPAIR

SPLIT/PACKAGED/ROOM ACs US TRAINED TECH 3240069

HOUSEHOLD JOBS

Lowest Ofc.Fee + LowRate Maid Call GSEA 9287096

BEST MAID 7111602/7118227

Efficient, Trained Maids
873-5271 • 873-5062

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

HOUSEHOLD

HOUSEHOLD JOBS

★ ANNIVERSARY PROMO ★
Lowest Office Fee
Prov'l & City All Around
Maids Cook Yaya H's Boy
Available Nationwide
Las Pinas: 873-7057 • 872-0265
Cubao: 912-4701 • 913-4235
Zapote: 873-1433 • 873-7055
Munti & Pque: 807-5788 • 853-3505

Help Agency 5328376/5321947

Home Maid Specialist
Call Tel. 660-4589

PACIFIC MAIDS ETC
SINCE 1948 T:7312672

We have maids nurse mwife PThomecare 3664375 4141135

LIPAT BAHAY

L-BAHAY 9206784 4540520

•CHEAP LBAHAY 9260424•

CLOSE VAN 7320744/7327806

L-BAHAY 8383742/5447599

LBAHAY 7113540

L-BAHAY 712-16-92

Lipat Bahay Tel. 824-1227

LIPAT BAHAY w/5 helpers 24 hrs. svc 7128861 / 7315750

MISCELLANEOUS

LA Fashion Curtain Maker, Set Cover & Interior
Call 417-7881 ; 452-8678

REAL ESTATE FOR SALE

COMML/RESDL

MANILA

nr Espana 142m² no flood 20m frontge3.6M 9258018

RIZAL

Safe of Flood and Faultline
NR ORTIGAS EXT
RIDGMONT Executive Vill
CAINTA New 3BR 2Carport
FRENCH Strong bung Lot: 172m² P2.2M 9488240/9334971

LAS PINAS

DUPLEX 2 STOREY BF RESORT LAS PINAS P3.5M T8269288 LESTY

HOUSE & LOT

MARIKINA

1511m² 5BR 6M 634-1212

Grnlnd bnew 3br 2M 9487112

MUNTIHLUPA

3BR&2TB Garden Garage 1413 Gr.Canyon Parkhomes Tunasan Muntinlupa •4336880•8292969•

PARANAQUE

HOUSE & LOT 2 STOREY BF PQUE P8.5M T8269288 LESTY

PASIG

Bnew H&L ORTIGAS PASIG 6560771;6554960;6557974

Bo. Kapitolyo 5.6M 634-1212

QUEZON CITY

BNew nr Munoz SM North Call 417-7881 ; 452-8678

Cheap P980T only 260m² nr Rbinson, SMFview 4140418

Comm'l & resd'l for sale 100-300m² North Olympus 8000-13500/m² Instalment Pls call 9621424

Nr Selnna College 454sqm 13M 6brs w/2Tels 7145427

Proj 4 up/down 2BR 2TB 1Garage 0916-3862982

•SM NORTH Bnew 9263307

REAL ESTATE FOR SALE

COMML/RESDL

FOR SALE
HOUSE AND LOT UNIT WITH COMMERCIAL BUSINESS
- Located in Sikatuna Village, Quezon City
- Two-storey residential unit with carport
- Commercial business: Printing press complete with office equipment, printing machines, etc.
- Lot area: 400 square meters
- Total Floor area: 404 square meters
- For further inquiries, please call Chato or Marlene at Tel. No. 892-9777 (M-F) or at Tel. No. 800-4007 (Sat-Sun)

HOUSE & LOT

QUEZON CITY

QC nr ABS-CBN
600, 700, 1500 up 15-18T
Q. AVE., BANAWE, GOV. F.
475m² 23T 1380m² 35T up
NEW MLA SCOUT WEST TRI
bnew 4M 8M 12Mup3717580

RIZAL

346m² N. Silanan 634-1212

Bentley Park Subd LA108 FA100 3br2tb 09178143792

PROVINCIAL

H&L 220m² WStore Sta. Rosa Lag P680.00 8388487

•House & Lot For Sale•
240sqm Canlubang Laguna
Tel#:(049)5491095 or 1377

Imus 670T 3BR/2TB/carport Bacoor 1.4M 20%DP 5310190

Sn Jose Ayala 2-sty 3BR 2.5M 8509863 09163824098

OTHER AREAS

2sty4BR 1mdrm 3TB H&C Jacuzzi strong H2O fully furnish elegant 12.5M Maridel T-6391852

RUSH!CanyonWoods Btngas 6.5M 0919-2045695

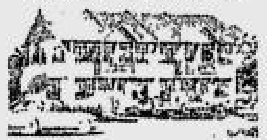
Townhouse & single attachd for sale 56-120sqm 650,000-1M (respectively) along Quirino Highway 15-20 mins from SM Fairview Pls call 9621424

VARIOUS AREAS

CASIMIRO TOWNHOMES
Habay, Bacoor, Cavite
near SM Bacoor
Initial DP: P 15,000

WESTVILLE HOMES
Ligas, Bacoor, Cavite
Initial DP: P 15,000

VILLA FELIZA HOMES
Alabang Zapote Rd., Las Piñas City
Initial DP: P 25,000



FORTE REALTY
2/F Princess Bldg, Esteban St, Legaspi Village, Makati City
810-7183 810-8019
815-2144 829-5081
810-7297 872-7603
871-8318
Welcome Brokers & Agents write to
forterealty@skyinet.net

LOT

LAS PINAS

Rush Sale Commercial Lot
Along Nat'l Rd Las Pinas
1hectare 8424213 8420335
8078225 DBO @ 4K

PASIG

531sqm 30T per 643-4321

QUEZON CITY

★Angelo St nr. Aboni Mrkt 150m² P3M VL Tel 7319493

•PROJ.6 900sqm 926-3307

REAL ESTATE FOR SALE

COMML/RESDL

LOT

PASIG

PASIG GREENWOODS
New Phase
150-240 sqm
MALAPIT SA GATE 7476986
0917-9849455
Look for Jome

QUEZON CITY

T.Sora 400m² @P9,500m² Morning Sun 931-7257 Tes

RIZAL

240m² 195TMontalban 5455380

LOT FOR SALE 1200 SQM SAN MATEO RIZAL 7355741

SAN JUAN

Ghills 600-750-1000sm SEV DBO 723-2391

PROVINCIAL

ATTENTION
Manufacturers & Investors
Cavite Light Industrial Park
Ready for Construction
2 years to pay w/o Interest
Along Maguyam Road
Carmona, Cavite
Tel. # 635-8108 - Jonathan

SOUTHERN PLAINS, CANLUBANG
New AYALA SOUTH ONLY
P4,500/sqm LA
150-240 sqm
0917-9849455
7476986
Look for Jome

OTHER AREAS

CAVITE DASMA 1200m² @1800/m² 8310169/ 0917-4500042

CONDO/TWNHSE/APT

LAS PINAS

BFR 1.7M 3BR 2TB,8428853

MAKATI

10T/MO 2 OWN
2Bedrm Ready 4 Move-in Nr C5 D'Fort Mkti Libis Ortigas Call 09173568729

2drrm up&down 1TB 8T 4594 Casino St., Palanan Makati City Tel. 8316639

B'New 1BR Condu., nr. Makati Cash or Term-900th Call / Txt (0917)901-2650

MAKATI ZOBEL ROXAS
BNew/4sty/3BR/3TB/grge
P3.050M up 8903461 loc 34

MANILA

Sampaloc apt nr UST 9126833

PASIG

Crisanla Tower 634-1212

RUSH! Renaissance 2000 DBO 2br+2tb 09178143792

QUEZON CITY

One Burgendy Plaza 2BR 2.8M 5312021 0917-3955738

RUSH! TSora 3BR+1md 2TB P2.5M DBO 0917-8143792

REAL ESTATE FOR SALE

CONDO/TWNHSE/APT

QUEZON CITY

SikatunaCheap 466m² 7.0M Teachers 600m² Bung 4BR 4TB w/Bodega wideRd11.M Call 921-5479 ; 433-7194

SAN JUAN

Platinum 1 FA-176 634-1212

PROVINCIAL

BAGUIO Apt. nr. SLU ncome 180T/M Cell (0918)9096103

Malolos 6U 2sty 2BR 980 ea. 8509863 09163824098

MEMORIAL LOT

Magnificat F. Boni 634-1212

REAL ESTATE FOR RENT

APARTMENT

KALOOCAN

2B/R U-D 3620065 Briones 7Ave

MAKATI

2BR Apt. Palanan Mkt. 6,500 Tel. 8317982

MANILA

1BR 1T&B P6T 732-3957

MANDALUYONG

1BR Couple, 1Child, Maid w/Garage P5.5T 532-4446

APT. FOR RENT 531-9590

QUEZON CITY

1,2BR nr QC/Bul. 7133785

RIZAL

Duplex Vill. East Cainta w/Park nr Macro 913-6449

HOUSE

LAS PINAS

3BR Bung Tel/Grg 9T/mo Strong H²O Call Greg 365-5370 • 920-0169 PM

Penthse , 3 Bdr, 3 Sty Hse w/ phones BFRV, Las Pinas 875-2716

QUEZON CITY

10 Cecilville W-Plains 5BR 5TB 4CG S-Pool 633-0164

PROVINCIAL

San Pedro Lag. 916-0712

CONDO/TWNHSE

LAS PINAS

Apt Rent Golden Gate Subd. Las Pinas City nr SM Arlene •8724279•8720636• •8718895•09178148579•

MAKATI

ALPHA SALCEDO HV DELA COSTA 2br/3T&B EACH HENRY 2542968

KWOOD Mktl 3BR3TB maid qr 20T prkg 2.5T 8896632 Irene

MANDALUYONG

Unfurnished Studio Unit in Govs Place w/ Tel & Cable, 9T Call 534-0001 Look for Christy

PASAY

ALPHA GRANDVIEW CONDO 2BR/3T&B FACING MLA BAY CALL HENRY 2542968/35

ANTEL SEAVIEW TOWERS 4BR 4T&B FACING MLA BAY CALL HENRY 2542968/35

PASIG

ORTIGAS 2BR 18T 126m² MdsRm Pool 2588019

REAL ESTATE FOR RENT

CONDO/TWNHSE

PASIG

VVere 3BR FFur P40-50T Gilmore 3BR P45T 723-2391

QUEZON CITY

Twnhse 4Rent Timog QC 4BR 2bath 9367425

PROVINCIAL

PAzul Golf Club 8156172

FOR LEASE

2sty. bldg. Taguig 5455380

60m² Pasay Taft nr. Buendia LRT 8310169/0917-4500042

ROOM & BOARD

Mkti Apartel 500-700/day 3T-4.2T/wk/kit/tel/CR 8995386

WANTED TO BUY

FURNITURE
HOME APPLIANCES ETC.
911-8321 / 439-0089

LOAN & MORTGAGE

Fast Loan House Lot and Vehicle w/Balance Ok
0917-9236232 • Tel. 772-1142

BUSINESS RENTAL

3-STY SHAW-KPTOLYO VERY NICE LOC ONLY P80TH BIG PARKING 6716870/5326334

Kamias Road 9250182/83

MAKATI Nr BUENDIA Ptamo 38/85/62/185m² 1st Class 8903461 loc 34 or 19 ofc hrs.

OFC/COMML SOLO MRT EDSA V-NICE GR CHEAP 6716870

Pque 4Lease Off Spaces & Whse 4Info Call 687-1806

STORE WID ROLL UP DOOR 524 EDSA CALOOCAN 3610652

TRANSPORTATION FOR SALE

CARS

FORD

FOR SALE F150 FORD 4X4 LARIAT FULLY LOADED P950,000 CONTACT 8269288 LESTY

HONDA

96 Civic Lxi P300T 1yr LTO reg. w/ins.+300T new parts w/ OR •Baby 09175399441• •Residence 8981262•

HYUNDAI

G.Saloon '98 265T 4330568

KIA

HI-BESTA '99 265T 9257622

Pregio '98 330T 4330223

MERCEDES

MB100 '98 385T 4330568

MITSUBISHI

96 Mit Galant A-1 P280T 9325828; 09198113733

LANCER A1 165T 8965732

LANCER95th 86 Model neg. call Tes 9253832 / 9136449

NISSAN

'95 Safari 0917-5303012

TOYOTA

93GLI Crla 09192655227

VOLKSWAGON

VOLKS WAGEN 926-4526

OTHER CAR BRANDS

98Defender110 09176673765

TRANSPORTATION FOR SALE

PARTS & ACCESSORIES

Bargain Sale Hino/Fuso Genuine by Lots/Retail Call 932-5160 / 932-9259

NISSAN MITSUBISHI HONDA HYUNDAI KIA mazda
FREE CHECK-UP! 8am-7pm
GUARANTEED SERVICE
for your car needs and trouble call or see Dan/Jaime service advisor
RUBBERVOLT 3716783

TRANSPORTATION FOR RENT

CARS FOR RENT

L3•Cars• 9273453 4538295

BNew Pregio L3 826-1045

Bnew Hiace L3 MB 8257135

BrdalMB/Vans9296250;4535288

Van Coaster Bus 913-91-23

L300 T 4161105 / 7411356

L300/Vans 578-8917(Roger)

MB100 Call 643-7397

P800/L3 9136710/4333682

Pajero/Safari 09176673765

SELF-DRIVE
New CARS/VANS-ALL BRANDS
ABC 5368822/3039789

Udrive CARS VANS 8006595

VANS COASTERS 951-4379

WANTED TO BUY

We Buy Cars Spot Cash
712-4680 • 0915-7010510

CAR LOAN

2% w/o taking car 7262760

2% w/oTaking Car 3646928

2% w/oTaking Car 7221021

2% w/oTaking Car 3732083

Car Sangla•Spot Cash!
LOWEST % 740-6192/5692

GENERAL ITEMS FOR SALE

FURNITURE

THE SOURCE ASIA PHILS. INC.
Pre X'MAS Offer!
• LAMPSHADES (frm:P2,900.00) (Buy 1 Take 1)
•Asrtd. TERRACOTA Jars, Lamps, Teak furniture and many more items. All direct from Indonesia, 562, J. Nakpil St. cor. Adriatico, Malate, Manila.
Tel. 522-7366/521-8308

ELECTRONIC & INDUSTRIAL EQUIP

100/50KVA genset 3672002
Kubota trctors 50t 3610215

PETS

Dog Trainer 09192050952

MALE ROTT PUP SHOWQTY Bighead 3 1/2 mos. 3633933

SHIHTZU 2 mos. 8078916

Shitzu Pup 3mos 655-6617

SPORTING GOODS

B.Table B'new w/accessories •8014494/8020566•

Imported Billiard 22T, 35T complete acc's •8618714/16 •8613123 •8613125•

New Billiard P18.5T P22T P25T Ok C.Card 781-9453

STRIKEMASTER
Bowling & Billiards
Sales & Rentals T-9341569

WANTED TO BUY

B/SELL FUL PD EDUC PLAN 7137284•09177939632

WANTED IMMEDIATELY
"INVENTORY CLERK"

Qualifications:
- female (single)
- 21-25 years old
- Commerce graduate (any major)
- knowledge in computer an advantage
- new graduates may apply

Send to: U.P. P.O. BOX 15,
DILIMAN, QUEZON CITY,
1101
- comprehensive resumé
- transcript of records
- 2x2 or 1½ x 1½ ID picture

GENERAL ITEMS FOR SALE

WANTED TO BUY

ANY ROLEX
Buy / Sell / Pawn / Repair
Tel# 804-0484 • 834-2886

BUYING ROLEX
others, High Price CASH CALL 09178142309/7269687

Buy/Pawn Diamonds T834-2886

WE BUY ROLEX
5633742 5646593 09174383744

WE BUY GOLD
HIGHEST PRICE
CALL:8390002
8390004

MISCELLANEOUS

FROZEN TUNA 7151193

ID strap LogoPin 656-8605

PAINTINGS FROM CUBA 4pcs 48x36 inches; 14 pcs. REPRODUCTION PAINTINGS FROM FRANCE 24x18 inches P3000 each CALL MR. CRUZ 09176019393/09174677526

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

MALE

Exp. Taxi Driver 635-3503

GAY Beautician Urgent
Hair & Make-up expert
Submit resume @ Unit 26
80-A Masikap St. cor
Masigla, Diliman, QC

FEMALE

Doctors & Skin Therapists w/ Exp. Call Naty or Josie 721-9227 or 721-9228

WTD: Yaya/H.Maids/Mdwife /Fam. Cook 6604589

MALE/FEMALE

3 Tchr.I, OSEC-DECS, item nos. 30002, 30003, 30004 Div. of Pasig City & Sn Juan, Sta. Lucia H.S., BSE, PBET or LET elig.

CARE GIVER T5280722

LEMY JEWELRY Phils. Inc.
Urgent:Male or Female
•SALES EXECUTIVE•
w/experience Pls. Call (049)5491095 or 1377

Ofc Staff 9134470 Helen

•Ofc Staff 9134470 Daisy•

SALES AGENTS
FT/PTBig Comm + Allow Call8883000loc1025 (M W) 09173568729 Ask 4 Mervin

Salesman w/CE bakgrnd Call 411-9050 9-12am

•Urg• Off staff 9134470 •Mark•

Wanted Immediately!!!
SALES AGENTS
Male or Female ; Good Commission T5345926-27

PUBLIC NOTICES

ANNOUNCEMENT

2-DAY IRIDOLOGY SEMINAR CALL 7330443 / 0917-4051539

-H-U-R-R-Y-! •for bidding• 15-unit trucks 2 b recon CALL:6992032/0492476932

PUBLIC NOTICES

AUCTION SALE

C.Y. Lopez Pawnshop, Inc. #233 Buendia Shopping Plaza Sen Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati City will hold an auction sale on September 29, 2001 at 9:00AM including all items pawned up to April 2001 V.Zamora Jr. Lic. Auctioneer

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

ABS-CBN Direct Sales
Business For Sale
09175380792/09797744284

Trvl Oppor/Earn Fr Home 8531008 2477469 5252230 Pgr 6343333 ID# 227933

Ideal 4 Pre School Indl Valley 450m² 634-1212

PROFIT FROM THE INTERNET Rated#1 Internet franchise. Full Training/Support. No experience req. T-1 888 678 7588 phl@worldsites.net

RTW 4 Tiange Bazar3738821

SAVE WISELY BE HAPPIER
Earn 60% Interest a year
0917-8349338 (Dave)

Start w/ 5T Cap. & be RICH ! Juice Drink Making Business Free Training in Region'l Branches Nationwide Call: 2554643 Or 44 2569331 or 36

SUPER TIANGGE PROMO
Pay 2mos. get 1 mo. free exhibit start Oct.1 up to Dec. P7T/month Stall rental T9257212/9257365 Melvin

WEEKLY 4,800 CASH!
Catch the wave today! 800-4226

EARN UNLIMITED INCOME
JEWELLERY
ON CONSIGNMENT
VERY EASY INSTALLMENT TERMS
CALL OUR 8390004
HOT LINES: 8390060

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the estates of the late JOSE CRUZ MEDINA who died in March 6, 1973 and ADELAIDA CUENCA MEDINA who died on January 3, 1990 which estates consist of various parcels of land have been the subject of an extrajudicial settlement on September 12, 2001, by and among their heirs as evidenced in the document executed and acknowledged before Notary Public Gina C. Garcia of Makati City, and entered in her Notarial Registry as Doc.#322, Page #63, Book III, Series of 2001. (PDI, Sept. 15, 22 & 29, 2001)

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **ARTURO P. ALCARAZ** has been extrajudicially settled per Doc#440, Page #87, Book #1, Series of 2001 of Notary Public Alberto R. Bomediano, Jr. of Makati City
(PDI-Sept. 22, 29 & Oct. 6, 2001)

NOTICE OF LOSS

Notice is hereby given that the ff: Official Receipts of **SKY-CABLE** series #90980-90100 were lost. Any transaction covered by the said O.R. will not be honored. (PDI-9/15, 16, 22 & 23,2001)

PERSONAL

NOVENA TO THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS
May the most Sacred Heart of Jesus be praised, blessed, loved, adored and glorified throughout the whole world now and forever. Amen.
Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, Pray for us.
Thank you very much, Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, for favor granted.

The Philippine Heart Center, Division of Anesthesia is accepting applicants for Fellowship in Cardiovascular Anesthesia.

All applicants must be graduate of an accredited Anesthesia Residency Training Program. For inquiries, contact OER Tel. 925-2401 local 3234-3236 or Anesthesia office local 2268.

Deadline of submission will be on the last week of November 2001.

LAND BANK OF THE PHILIPPINES

Official Depository Bank of the Republic of the Philippines

2nd INVITATION TO PREQUALIFY AND TO BID

All corporations registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), with extensive experience in the supply and installation of Structured Cabling for high rise office buildings, are invited to apply for pre-qualification and bidding of Contract Package 36B for the new LBP HQ Building in Ermita, Manila, with the following schedule:

Project Title	Estimated Project Cost	Issuance of Prequalification Documents	Issuance of Notice of Prequalification/ Predisqualification	Issuance of Bid Docs	Pre-Bid Conference	Bidding Date
Contract Package No. 36B: Supply and Installation of Horizontal Structured Cabling	Php 44.0 Million	Sept. 24, 2001 @ 10:00 AM to 2:30 PM	October 3, 2001	Oct. 4, 2001 @ 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM	October 5, 2001 @ 10:00 AM	Oct. 12, 2001 @ 10:00 AM

All interested contractors may obtain the Pre-qualification forms from the **Project Management and Engineering Department (PMED)**, 2/F LBP Bldg. III, 315 Sen. Gil Puyat Ave., Makati City, upon payment of a non-refundable processing fee of **P1,000.00.**

Duly accomplished Pre-qualification forms shall be submitted at the above-stated office not later than **5:00 PM, September 27, 2001**, after which no documents will be accepted. All participating contractors shall be notified in writing of the results of the pre-qualification.

Only pre-qualified contractors may secure Bid Documents at the **RMDA Office** located at 2865 Finlandia St., Makati City upon payment of a non-refundable fee of **P3,500.00.**

Pre-bid conference will be held on the above-stated date and time at the FMGSG Conference Room 2nd Floor, LBP Building III, 315 Sen. Gil Puyat Ave., Makati City.

Bidding shall be conducted using the two (2) sealed envelope system (*envelope "A & B"*) to be submitted to and received not later than 10:00 a.m., **October 12, 2001** (the Bidding Date), after which no envelopes will be received. Bidding shall be held at the FMGSG Conference Room, 2/F LBP Bldg. III, 315 Sen. Gil Puyat Ave., Makati City.

LBP reserves the right to change the date of issuance of bid documents, pre-bid conference and the bidding date. Due notice of changes shall however be communicated by LBP to pre-qualified bidders.

LBP likewise reserves the right to reject any or all bids, waive any defect on formality, assume no obligation whatsoever to compensate or indemnify the bidders for any expense or loss that they may incur in the preparation of their bid, and to accept the bid most advantageous to the Bank.

(Sgd.) **ANTONIO T. HERNANDEZ**
Chairman
Sub-Committee for LBP HQ Bldg. Project

(PDI - Sept. 22, 23 & 24, 2001)

PNOC SHIPPING & TRANSPORT CORPORATION

PNOC

S & L Building, 1500 Roxas Boulevard, Manila, Philippines
P.O. Box EA-469, Ermita, 1000, Manila
Tel. Nos. 525-9271 to 81
Fax No. 525-8376

NOTICE OF NEGOTIATED SALE

FOR SALE THROUGH SEALED BIDDING
ON CASH "AS IS, WHERE IS," BASIS

PNOC LPG CARRIER
JOSEFA GABRIELA SILANG

LOA	60.50 M
LBP	55.50 M
BREADTH	10.00 M
DEPTH	4.60 M
DRAFT	4.07 M
GROSS TONNAGE	667.00
YEAR BUILT	1978
CLASSIFICATION	NKK

Above vessel now anchored at Mabini, Batangas.

Bid form can be secured from Management Services Department c/o Mr. Raoul Trinidad 7th Floor Room 718 of the same address at Tel. Nos. 525-9289 or 525-92-71 local 222 upon payment of a non-refundable fee of P500.00.

Bidders interested only for the vessel's BULLET TANKS may also submit their offer.

Sealed bids should be dropped in a bid box provided at Room 718 not later than **2:00 P.M. October 5, 2001** upon which bids shall be opened in the presence of participating bidders.

A bidders deposit of One Hundred Thousand Pesos (P100,000.00) in the form of cash, cashier's or manager's check is required. Bid indicated should be inclusive of ten (10%) percent Value Added Tax. (VAT).

PNOC-STC reserves the right to reject any or all bids or parts thereof, to waive any formality or infirmities found therein, or to accept such bids as may be advantageous to the company.

(Sgd.) **Jocelyn G. Atotubo**
Chairperson-Disposal
Committee

(PDI--Sept. 22 & 23, 2001)

Republic of the Philippines
SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM
East Ave., Diliman, Quezon City
Tel. Nos. (632) 920-6401 • (632) 920-6446
E-mail: sssemail@info.com.ph • Web site http://www.sss.gov.ph

13 September 2001

NOTICE

MR. PEDRO T. REGINALDO
4749 Road I, V. Mapa
Sampaloc, Manila

Dear Mr. Reginaldo:

This has reference to the residential unit awarded to you under the SSS Employee Housing Loan Program in 1992, located at Block 12, Lot 20, SSS North Fairview Homes, North Fairview, Quezon City.

Records show, THAT:

a) Since September 1993, you failed to pay any more monthly amortization, while the term of the contract of five (5) years starting July 1992, has expired in violation of Par. 1 of the Contract;

b) As of June 30, 2001, the outstanding obligation is computed in the amount of P669,275.94, representing the entire principal balance on the loan, interests and penalties;

c) The residential unit was found ABANDONED and deteriorated due to exposure to elements, in violation of Par. 10 (c) of the Contract.

In view thereof, the SSS is constrained to consider, and HEREBY consider, the Contract, relative to the awarded residential unit CANCELLED and ANNULLED.

As a consequence thereof, the SSS hereby declares and places the subject residential under its Possession, pursuant to Par. 11 of the Contract.

From hereon, please refrain from taking any activity on the premises.

Very truly yours,

(Sgd.) **ERNESTO G. GASIS**
Assistant Vice President
Legal Department

(PDI--Sept. 22, 2001)

Republic of the Philippines
SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM
East Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City
Tel. Nos. (632) 920-6401 • (632) 920-6446
E-mail: sssemail@info.com.ph • Web site http://www.sss.gov.ph

NOTICE

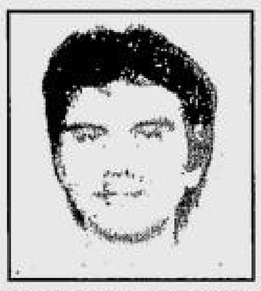
Please get in touch with the Members Assistance Center, Social Security System (SSS), East Avenue, Quezon City or at any SSS office nearest your place of residence and file your death benefit claim within 90 days upon publication, if you are:

	NAME OF BENEFICIARY	LAST KNOWN ADDRESS	NAME OF SSS MEMBER	DATE OF DEMISE
1.	OLIVIA L. ALVARAN	Unknown	SONNY S. ALVARAN SS#03-6846014-6	February 9, 2001
2.	FELIZARDO AMPARO	3040 Lee Place, Oxnoral, California, U.S.A.	FLORELLA S. AMPARO SS#03-8962222-2	February 13, 2001
3.	LEONIDA MANALO	Unknown	ANGEL ARCE SS#03-0023913-1	June 28, 2001
4.	GENOVEVA S. BASIT	Tagnanan, Mabini Comval Province	ALFREDO D. BASIT SS#09-0532625-8	May 8, 2001
5.	SALLY CABALUNA	Km. 6 Matina Balusong, Davao City	CARLOS R. CABALUNA SS#09-0855587-7	February 14, 2001
6.	CARMELITA EHIPTO	Gordon Avenue, Olongapo City	JUANITO A. CARINO SS#02-0166065-0	November 22, 2000
7.	DEMETRIA GONDRANEOUS	Cansinala, Apalit, Pampanga	PACIFICO M. CORTEZ SS#03-0171409-5	July 4, 2001
8.	MARCELA M. DEMETILLO	Unknown	PRIMO D. DEMETILLO SS#06-0401900-2	May 13, 1989
9.	MARLY DIAZ	Lapas I Lapasan, Cagayan de Oro City	RODOLFO DIAZ SS#09-0293052-4	January 23, 2001
10.	CONRADO ESCUADRO JR.	Bantug Norte, Cabanatuan City, Nueva Ecija	CONRADO A. ESCUADRO SS#02-0024711-3	March 12, 2001
11.	FRANCISCA R. GARCIA	Unknown	JOSE T. GARCIA SS#03-0473351-0	November 22, 2000
12.	ROSARIO	Unknown	CREDO HERMOGENES SS#03-1972524-1	December 27, 2000
13.	Legal Heirs of LOURDES DURBAN-JAVIER	Unknown	ELEUTERIO LLANTO SS#09-0344919-5	April 4, 1990
14.	OMAR ABDULHAMAN	Unknown	NORMA B. LUMBAB SS#08-0391184-6	November 17, 2000
15.	MA. FILLE MAGADA	Unknown	FELOMIN MAGADA SS#07-0308605-9	October 6, 1997
16.	LUMINADA S. MORADA	23-B Oliveros Drive, Balintawak, Q.C.	ERMILANDO MORADA SS#03-4685480-0	May 23, 2000
17.	FERDINAND NICOLAS	Unknown	EDNA L. NICOLAS SS#33-0088071-0	January 19, 2001
18.	ROSITA OBTINALLA	Unknown	POTENCIANO OBTINALLA SS#03-3146803-6	June 5, 2001
19.	TERESITA TABERNA	c/o Johnny's Supermart-Balibago, Angeles City	RODOLFO V. PAGBILAO SS#03-3178590-0	June 25, 2001
20.	FERNANDO PAPA	Ostia Avenue, Tinago, Ozamiz City	JOSEPHINE L. PAPA SS#06-0669676-0	November 20, 1994
21.	SHIRLEY CASTINO SHIRLEBURG	124 Potol St., San Antonio, San Pedro, Laguna	EDELBURD QUEE SS#03-3579406-5	November 3, 2000
22.	ZENAIDA SALINAS	Lumban, Laguna	AMADEO RAZON SS#03-2905035-9	April 19, 2001
23.	EVELYN MARQUEZ & 4 CHILDREN	Malabon, Sta. Cruz, Marinduque	LEOPOLDO REGALADO SS#04-0231537-7	June 10, 2001
24.	LORNA C. RUIZ	51 Manga St., Kamarin B, Caloocan City	RENE R. RUIZ SS#33-2124071-1	November 8, 2000
25.	LUCIA BARRAZA	58 Sto. Nino Ext., Tacloban City	ALEJO SERRANO SS#03-0442649-0	February 8, 1989
26.	CONCHITA	Unknown	ALFREDO SOLIVEN SS#02-0136302-5	July 29, 2001
27.	JASON SUAREZ	Bataan	ENDIT P. SUAREZ SS#03-5804094-5	January 11, 2001
28.	JESUS SY	146-C N. Domingo St., Cubao, Quezon City	SYLVIA M. SY SS#03-5690083-8	September 14, 1998
29.	MIRANDA B. TANGLAO	#7 Santo St., San Francisco, Del Monte, Quezon City	CARMELITO TANGLAO SS#03-3142541-9	January 18, 2001
30.	LYDIA TAROY	Unknown	FELIX T. TAROY SS#03-0345374-9	February 3, 2001
31.	JENIDA MANAHON PATERNO TRONGCO JR.	007 Anibong, Tacloban City, Leyte	PATERNO TRONGCO SS#03-1229045-6	September 22, 2000

. . . *nothing follows* . . .

(PDI – Sept. 22, 2001)

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC



PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT MR. BENJAMIN YU, WHOSE PICTURE IS DEPICTED ABOVE AND WHOSE LAST KNOWN ADDRESS IS AT C/O CONSTRUCTIVE BUILDERS, INC., 218 KATIPUNAN STREET, BLUE RIDGE, QUEZON CITY, HAS A PENDING WARRANT OF ARREST DULY ISSUED BY THE HON. AUGUSTUS C. DIAZ, PAIRING JUDGE OF THE M.T.C. QUEZON CITY BRANCH 38 UNDER CRIM. CASE NOS. 83258-59. SUBSTANTIAL REWARD TO ANY INFORMATION LEADING TO HIS ARREST WILL BE AWARDED BY THE PRIVATE COMPLAINANT, MR. JIMMY YU AT NO. 55 STO. DOMINGO STREET, QUEZON CITY AND/OR ATTY. REYNALDO M. SAN JUAN OF 2518-20 OROQUIETA, STA. CRUZ, MANILA (TEL. NOS. 711-3159; 711-3183).

(PDI – Sept. 22, 2001)

PHILIPPINE DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

BIDS AND AWARDS COMMITTEE FOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY RESOURCES

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

The Philippine Deposit Insurance Corporation (PDIC) invites all authorized manufacturers, distributors, dealers, suppliers to be eligible to bid for the supply and delivery of forty-three (43) units notebook computers.

The Request for Proposal shall be made available to interested bidders starting **September 24** to **October 15, 2001,** 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m at the 3rd Floor, Information Technology Center, 2228 Chino Roces Avenue, Makati City from Ms. Jackie Jose or Ms. Maricel Flores. The prebid conference shall be held at the PDIC Building, 2228 Chino Roces Avenue, Makati City on **October 17, 2001** at 2:00 p.m. to clarify/explain any provision stipulated in the Request for Proposal.

Only eligible bidders shall be considered for bid awards.

PDIC reserves the right to reject any or all bids or any part thereof, and accept the offer most advantageous to the Government.

PDIC shall in no case be held responsible or liable for any and all costs associated with the bidder's participation in the bidding process regardless of its results.

(Sgd.) **CATHERINE F. BAMBA**
Chairman

(PDI – Sept. 22 & 23, 2001)

FIL GULF MANPOWER & GENERAL SERVICES, INC.
POEA LIC. NO. 187-LB-061801-R
ACCREDITATION NO. 66152

In cooperation with **EUROPEAN ASIAN TOBACCO** (a new factory located at Dubai, UAE that has the latest technology in tobacco and cigarette making thru fully automatic and high speed machinery from Italy.

Cigarette making - GD121S (10,000 cigarette/minute)
Cigarette packing - GDx3/C600/pack ow (500/minute)

is looking for qualified and experienced candidates for the following positions:

MAKING TECHNICIANS	**- 3 NOS.**
PACKING TECHNICIANS	**- 3 NOS.**
ELECTRONIC TECHNICIANS	**- 3 NOS.**
QUALITY CONTROL PERSONNEL	**- 3 NOS.**
MAKING OPERATORS	**- 3 NOS.**
PACKING OPERATORS	**- 3 NOS.**

Candidates should have a good knowledge of high speed cigarette machinery: Example: Making Machines: Photo 80/90, GD 121; Packing Machines: GDx21x3 Interested applicants may apply with complete credentials (2 sets) at **FIL GULF MANPOWER & GENERAL SERVICES, INC. Mla. Luxury Condominium Unit, M-4 Pearl Drive, Ortigas Ctr., Pasig City (backside of Richmonde Hotel, near Medical City)**
Tel. Nos. 6359956, 6359957

"Beware of illegal recruiter"
This AD is allowed under MC-2

Republic of the Philippines
Department of Transportation and Communications
CIVIL AERONAUTICS BOARD
OLD MIA ROAD, PASAY CITY,
METRO MANILA

IN RE: Petition for the Issuance of Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Operate Scheduled Domestic Air Transportation Services) CAB CASE NO. 20799

LAOAG INTERNATIONAL AIRLINES, INC.
Petitioner,
x ------------------------------ x

NOTICE OF HEARING

Pursuant to the provisions of R.A. 776, as amended, notice is hereby given that LAOAG INTERNATIONAL AIRLINES, INC. has filed with the Civil Aeronautics Board an application for the issuance of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Operate Scheduled Domestic Air Transportation Services. The initial hearing on the above entitled case will be held on **October 11, 2001 at 2:00 p.m.** in the CAB Conference Room of the Civil Aeronautics Board, Old MIA Road, Pasay City, Metro Manila before the undersigned Hearing Officer, at which hearing the applicant shall present evidence.

The applicant is hereby required to have this Notice of Hearing published at least once a week for two (2) consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation and that copies of this notice and the application itself be served upon Philippine Airlines, Inc., Cebu Pacific Air, Air Philippines Corporation, Asian Spirit and Grand Air, either by personal service or by registered mail with return card at least five (5) days before the scheduled hearing.

10 September 2001,
Pasay City, Philippines.

(Sgd.) **CARMELO L. ARCILLA**
Special Hearing Officer

(PDI – Sept. 22 & 29, 2001)

REPUBLIKA NG PILIPINAS
Republic of the Philippines
KAGAWARAN NG EDUKASYON, KULTURA AT ISPORTS
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, CULTURE AND SPORTS
DECS Complex, Meralco Avenue, Pasig City, Philippines

PHILIPPINES 2000
Sama-Sama sa DECS

INVITATION TO RE-BID

The Department of Education, Culture and Sports is inviting all manufacturers/suppliers of liquid full cream milk for the bidding of 1,257,600 packs of liquid full cream milk for feeding of Grade 1 entrants in the identified nutritionally depressed areas nationwide. ***The approved budget for the project is P12,000,000.00.***

All interested manufacturers/suppliers must submit a Letter of Intent before obtaining bid documents starting **September 20 to 27, 2001** at the BAC Secretariat Office, Room 112-A Mabini Building, DECS Complex, Pasig City or visit the DECS Website at **http://www.decs.gov.ph.**

A pre-bid conference will be held on **September 27, 2001**, 10:00 AM at Bulwagan ng Karunungan, Rizal Building 1, DECS Complex, Pasig City. The Submission and Opening of Bids will be on **October 4, 2001** at the same time and place mentioned above.

DECS-BAC reserves the right to reject any or all bids to waive deficiencies embodied therein without assuming any obligation whatsoever to offset expenses or losses the bidder may incur in the preparation of the bids.

(Sgd.) **ERNESTO S. PANGAN**
Undersecretary
Chairman, DECS-BAC

(PDI – Sept. 22 & 24, 2001)

Republic of the Philippines
PHILIPPINE HEART CENTER
East Avenue, Quezon City 1100, Philippines • Telephone 925-2401

INVITATION TO PRE-QUALIFY AND TO BID

The Philippine Heart Center (PHC) invites sealed written bids for:

I - One (1) year contract (January - December 2002) for the following:

a) Building Maintenance
b) Pest Control Services
c) Laundry Services
d) Supply of X-ray Films
e) Janitorial Services
f) Security Services
g) Supply of Med. Liquid Oxygen and Gases

II - Six (6) months (January - June 2002) contract for Pharma, Med./Lab. and Foodstuffs Supplies.

Only duly accredited bidders/suppliers will be allowed to participate in the bidding.

List of requirements to be submitted:

1. Letter of Intent
2. SEC Registration
3. Business License
4. License to Operate (BFAD)
5. Financial Statement (last 2 years)
6. ITR (last 2 years)
7. DOH Accreditation
8. Location Map of Office
9. List of Clients

Additional requirements, please call purchasing division at 922-0574 c/o Noemi.

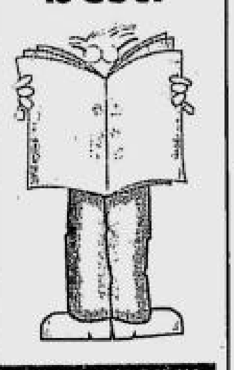
All interested bidders/suppliers must submit their accreditation documents on or before October 15, 2001 at Purchasing Division.

The PHC reserves the right to disqualify any prospective bidder/s if found that they have submitted falsified documents and/or information and the right to accept or reject any bid, and to annul the bidding process and reject all bids at anytime prior to award of contract, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected bidder/s.

(Sgd.) ROMEO J. SANTOS, M.D.
Chairman, PBAC

(PDI – Sept. 21, 22, 23, 28, 29 & 30, 2001)

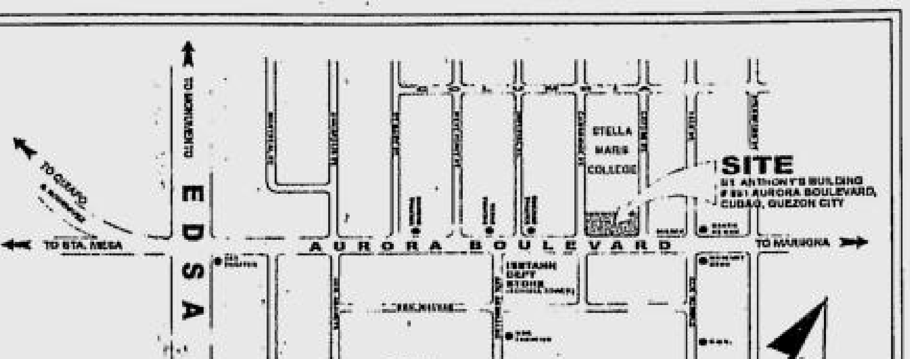
Where you find the best.



PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER JOBMarket ONLINE
www.jobmarketonline.com

INQUIRER CLASSIFIEDS

Aurora branch is now open to serve your Classified Ads requirements. For inquiries, please call 912-9008 to 11.



CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING DIVISION
Main Office: PASONG TAMO, MAKATI CITY
☎ 8972535 (Direct) ☎ 8978808 (Trunk) Fax 8974808
G/F ATRIUM BLDG., MAKATI AVENUE, MAKATI CITY
☎ 8114361 ☎ 8114370 ☎ 8114012 Fax 8925578
ST. ANTHONY'S BLDG., AURORA BLVD., QUEZON CITY
☎ 912-9008-11 Fax 912-9011
SM MEGAMALL, MANDALUYONG CITY
☎ 6350219 ☎ 6372008 Fax 6350220
G/F TRINITY BLDG., 636 T.M. KALAW ST., ERMITA, MANILA
☎ 5273342 ☎ 5280183 ☎ 5276357 Fax 5280213
ALABANG, MUNTINLUPA CITY
☎ 8506465 Fax 8506465
e-mail address: main_classifieds@inquirer.com.ph

OBITUARIES

RATE
₱230 per column centimeter
(All prices exclusive of R-VAT)

DEADLINE
for reservations / cancellations / corrections
Monday to Sunday
12:00 noon
Day before publication

"I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."
John 14:6

PUREZA ASUNCION vda. de ARZADON

of Batac and Badoc, Ilocos Norte

Has peacefully joined her Creator on September 21, 2001 at the age of 85.

We the children **ETHEL & LITO, BENTON & EM, ZONITO & MICHELE, CATHY & BUTCH**; together with her grandchildren **FATIMA, JAJA, JING-JING, SUGAR, MARC, DOUG & KAZUE, AMY & KEN, ZJ, VIC-VIC, ELLEN, MAIDA, MABEL, SJ** and **ARRIUS**; great grandchildren **KJ** and **EINA**; other relatives and friends request you to pray for her, on her eternal journey with our Lord.

Her remains lie in state at the Christ the King Mortuary Chapel, Greenmeadows Avenue, Quezon City.

Interment will be at Badoc, Ilocos Norte. Date will be announced later.

"My dream is to propagate Judo to the barangay level."

AUGUSTO STEVE M. BALCON II

Joined our Creator on September 20, 2001 at the age of 28.

His bereaved wife **LIEZL**; children **MIA, LUIS** and **RAFFY**; parents **STEVE** and **VANGIE**; sister **DENDEN**; relatives and friends request the readers to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

His body lies in state at Arlington Memorial Chapels, Araneta Avenue, Quezon City.

Interment will be on Sunday, September 23, 2001 at the Holy Cross Memorial Park, after the 2:00 p.m. Mass at the Our Lady of Annunciation Parish, Mindanao Avenue, Quezon City.

Dr. CORAZON DIVINO-FONTILLAS

of Botolan, Zambales

Professor, Central Colleges of the Philippines
Retired School Principal of Quezon City Secondary Schools

Peacefully joined her Creator on September 20, 2001 at the age of 67.

A loving wife to **ALFREDO RELLAMAS FONTILLAS**, CPA-MPA; a beloved mother to **Dr. Ma. TERESA FONTILLAS-LUIS** and husband **NAZARIO F. LUIS**; **Dr. RAYMUND ALFREDO FONTILLAS** and wife **Dr. ARLENE V. FONTILLAS**; **RAYMUND ANTONIO FONTILLAS**, B.S. Psychology; **RAYMUND PANCRATIUS FONTILLAS**, CPA - MBM and wife **ELEANOR C. FONTILLAS**; **Dr. RAYMUND ANGELO FONTILLAS** and wife **JANE S. FONTILLAS**; a wonderful lola to **JOSEF, ANINA, JAVI, CORINNE** and **TINA**; and a caring sister to **Dr. JOSE** and **Dr. HARIETTE DIVINO**; Commodore **ALFREDO** (†) and **Dr. THELMA DIVINO**; **JING DIVINO**; and Engineer **GERMAN Jr.** and **NORY DIVINO**.

We and all her other relatives and friends request those whose lives have been touched by our beloved **AZON** to pray for the repose of her soul as she is born into eternal life.

Her remains lie in state at the Loyola Memorial Chapels, Guadalupe, Makati City.

Interment will be announced later.

"...absent with the body to be present with the Lord."
Matthew 10:39

In LOVING MEMORY OF

AMY SCHÜCK LIM

(widow of the late Associate Justice of the Court of Appeals and Senator ROSELLER TARROSA LIM)
On the first year of her Birth to Eternal Life on September 22, 2000.

We, the family and other relatives request the reader to join us in the celebration of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass to be offered in the following churches:

5:45 a.m.	**St. Ignatius De Loyola Parish Church**, *Tetuan, Zamboanga City*
6:00 a.m.	**Claret Church**, Ruste Drive, Zamboanga City
6:00 a.m.	**Notre Dame of Jolo Cathedral**, *Jolo, Sulu*
6:00 a.m.	**Our Lady of Assumption Church**, *Manila City*
6:30 a.m.	**Immaculate Heart of Mary Cathedral**, *Baguio City*
6:30 a.m.	**Our Lady of Fatima Parish Church**, *Philamlife Village, Las Piñas City*
7:00 a.m.	**Mary Help of Christians Church**, *Better Living Subdivision, Parañaque City*
7:00 a.m.	**Malate Church**, *Malate, Manila City*
7:15 a.m.	**Singalong Church**, *Singalong, Manila city*
12:15 p.m.	**Metropolitan Immaculate Concepcion Cathedral**, *Purisima St., Zamboanga City*
5:30 p.m.	**Church of Purification**, *Sta. Maria, Zamboanga City*
5:30 p.m.	**Sacred Heart Seminary**, *Lizares Street, Bacolod City*
6:00 p.m.	**St. Alphonsus De Liguori Church**, *Magallanes Village, Makati City*
6:00 p.m.	**Our Lady of the Pillar Shrine**, *Oprra, Cebu City*

Our Dearly Beloved Chairman of the Board

JOSE RIZAL QUIOGUE "PEPE"

1908 - 2001

Who loved the children of Montessori Filipino Child Research Center as Family

His beloved wife **Purificacion** (†); daughter **Josefa**; and grand daughter **Camille**; brothers **Gonzalo** (†), **Andres** (†), **Manuel, Jr.** (†); sisters **Remedios Silverio** (†), **Luisa Muñoz** (†), **Fidela Reynolds** (†), **Elisa Palma** (†); sisters-in-law **Elena** and **Juliana Tobias, Elena Sarmiento Quiogue**; all nephews, nieces, grandchildren request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

His remains lie in state at the Loyola Memorial Chapels Inc.

Interment will be at the Loyola Memorial Park, Marikina after the 1:00 PM Mass at the Loyola Memorial Chapels.

Richard Cu Kok Liong

Died in the grace of our Lord on September 17, 2001 at the age of 52.

His bereaved family, relatives and friends request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

His body lies in state at the La Funeraria Paz, Chapel #4, C.M. Recto, Manila.

Cremation will be on Monday morning, September 24, 2001, at the Chinese Cemetery.

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life."
John 3:16

JUDGE PEDRO B. CABREROS

of Tuguegarao, Cagayan

(A knight of God, a soldier for his country, a disciple of justice and a friend to many)

was called home by his Creator on September 19, 2001.

His wife **Nena Guzman-Cabreros** (†); his bereaved children **Lourna & Temy Teaño, Jessica & Minnie Sud, Edith & Efren Carag, James & Jaycee Calubaquib, Babylou & Gus Raschilla, Nene & Elmer Laynoen, Mila** (†), **Tutu** (†) **& Nida Melad** and **Susan & Ramon Buenavides**; sister **Itas**; sister-in-law **Betty**; grandchildren, nephews, nieces and other relatives request the kind reader to pray that the Almighty reward him with one of His many rooms.

His body now lies in state at the family residence at 11 Aguinaldo Street, Tuguegarao, Cagayan.

He will be laid to rest on Wednesday, September 26, 2001, at the Tuguegarao City Cemetery after the 9:00 a.m. Funeral Mass at the St. Peter's Cathedral.

Our Dearly Beloved

ARTEMIO ROSETE NANO, SR.

of Agno, Pangasinan and Project 8, Quezon City

Peacefully joined his Creator on September 19, 2001 at the age of 79.

His bereaved wife **Honorata Najera**; children **Nora, Joel** and **Mavic, Jojo** and **Wena**; grandchildren **Ma-anne, V-anne, I-anne** and **Trisha**; sister **Modesta Nano-Oca**; brothers and sisters-in-law, nephews, nieces and other relatives request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

His body lies in state at La Funeraria Paz, Araneta Avenue, Quezon City.

Interment will be on Tuesday, September 25, 2001 at the Holy Cross Memorial Park after the 9:00 mass.

An obituary with a picture can be a fitting tribute to your departed loved one.

For the needs of your departed Loved Ones, the following establishments can help you.

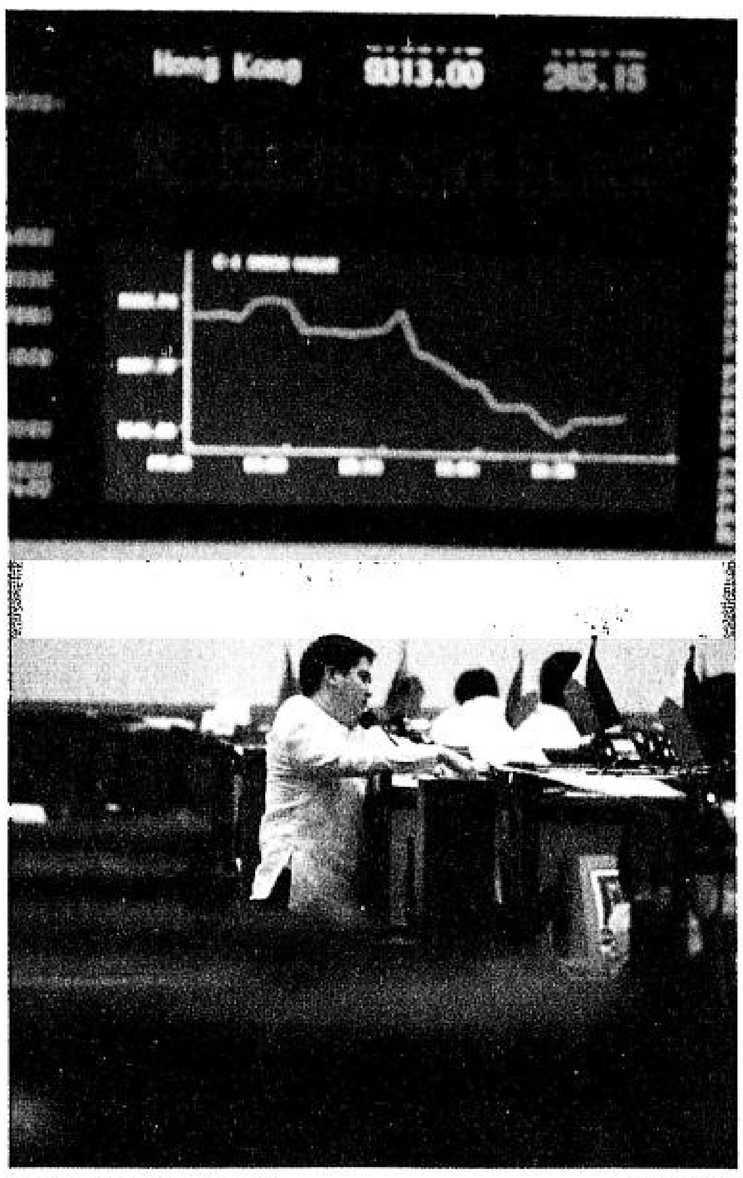
ARLINGTON MEMORIAL CHAPEL
12 G. Araneta Avenue, Quezon City
Tels. 715-1025; 715-1031; 715-1027
ARLINGTON EAST THE GARDEN CHAPELS
C. Raymundo St. cor. Mercedes Ave., San Miguel Ave., Pasig City
Tels. 747-8599; 747-8609 • Telefax 641-1760
AUREA QUIOGUE FUNERAL HOMES
243 A.B. Fernandez Ave., Dagupan City, Pangasinan
Tels. (075) 522-3451, 522-2128; (0917) 434-9976
CAPITOL MEMORIAL CHAPELS INC.
1305 G. Araneta Avenue, Quezon City;
Tel. 732-0309; 732-1095
CEBU ROLLING HILLS MEMORIAL CHAPELS INC.
Cebu Branch: A.S. Fortuna Street, Banilad, Mandaue City, Cebu
Tels. 346-2543; 346-2601
COSMOPOLITAN FUNERAL HOMES, INC.
Nivel Hills, Lahug, Cebu City; Tels. 231-0721; 231-3192
COSMOPOLITAN FUNERAL HOMES, INC.
Camus Ext. cor. J. Abad Santos, Davao City
Tels. (082) 227-1201; 227-1258
DAYAO FUNERAL HOME
#2 Bayani St., Galas, Quezon City
Tels. 740-2683; 781-3705; 781-3688; 413-9400; 715-5594
DALLUAY MEMORIAL SERVICES
#42 Upper Kalaklan, Olongapo City
Tels. (047) 222-3605; (047) 811-1086; (047) 222-4512; (047) 224-2014
DON BOSCO CHAPELS
Pasay Road, Makati City; Tel. 894-5932 to 34
DULCE MEMORIAL SERVICES
Jose Abad Santos Ave. cor. Dinalupihan St., Manuguit, Manila
Tels. 712-5102; 741-5125; 741-5133; Fax No. 711-3064

FLORESCO FUNERAL HOME
219 Gen. Luna St., Concepcion, Malabon, Metro Manila
Tels. 2812963; 2813034; 2810522
FUNERARIA PANGILINAN
Santo Entierro cor. P. Burgos St., Lourdes Sur, Angeles City
Tels. (045) 888-2959 ; (045) 322-5247
F. SANTIAGO MEMORIAL HOMES
13 V. Gomez St., San Roque, Marikina City; Tels. 646-1725; 646-1730
FUNERARIA ANGEL QUIOGUE
No. 67 Pasig Boulevard Extension, Pasig City; Tels. 641-7909; 641-1735
M. Almeda St., Pateros, Metro Manila; Tels. 642-3010; 633-3602
FUNERARIA TUASON
Poblacion, San Miguel, Bulacan 3011
Tels. (044) 764-0281; 678-0266; (0917) 895-0603
GARDEN OF MEMORIES MEMORIAL PARK
Calsadang Bago, Pateros, Metro Manila; Tels. 642-6181 to 82
HOLY TRINITY MEMORIAL CHAPELS
Sucat, Parañaque City; Tels. 825-1296; 825-1291
LA FUNERARIA LAWRENCE BAQUIRAN
#27 Crisologo St., Vigan, Ilocos Sur
Tel. 722-2730; Cell (0917) 5680136; (0917) 5680145
Manila #23 Pato St., Project 2, Quezon City; Tel. 434-3258
LA FUNERARIA PAZ, INC.
1501 C.M. Recto Ave. cor. T. Mapua, Manila; Tels. 711-6931 to 35; 732-4795
LA FUNERARIA PAZ, INC.
143 G. Araneta Ave. cor. Kaliraya St., Quezon City; Tels. 749-3806 to 11
LA FUNERARIA PAZ, INC.
79 Naguilian Rd., Baguio City; Tel. (074) 443-3337
LOYOLA MEMORIAL CHAPELS
EDSA cor. Bernardino St., Guadalupe, Makati City; Tel. 895-1011 to 19

MARIAN MEMORIAL CHAPELS
Marcos Hiway, Antipolo, Rizal; Tels. 645-1855; 682-0209; 682-0210
MT. SINAI MEMORIAL CHAPEL
Arellano St., Dagupan City
Tels. (075) 515-5960; 515-6529; 522-8783; (0919) 348-7131
NACIONAL MEMORIAL HOMES
264 G. Araneta Avenue, Quezon City
Tels. 713-5231 to 35; 714-0867; 714-0868
ROLLING HILLS MEMORIAL CHAPELS INC.
Ground Flr. Rolling Hills Chapel, 27th-Lacson St.,
Mandalagan, Bacolod City; Tel. 433-7132
RIZAL FUNERAL HOMES
438 Cementina St., Pasay City; Tels. 831-1204
Sucat Branch: 8187 Dr. A. Santos Ave., Sucat, Parañaque City
Tels. 826-1376, 826-9682; (0915) 712-1220
SANTUARIO DE SAN JOSE PARISH
East Greenhills, Mandaluyong City; Telefax 724-4139; 725-2044
ST. ALPHONSUS MARY DE LIGOURI PARISH
Magallanes Village, Makati City; Tels. 852-8228; 852-7284
ST. MARK MEMORIAL CHAPEL
16-15 G. Tuazon cor. Loreto St., Sampaloc, Manila
Tels. 749-3679; 781-1772
ST. PETER FUNERAL HOMES
296 Quezon Ave., Quezon City; Tels. 372-5084; 410-9286/87
VERONICA MEMORIAL HOMES
Official NBI Morgue 517-A Arnaiz St., Pasay City
Tels. 831-3797; 844-7846; 843-1801; 845-4836
WELINGTON FUNERAL SERVICES
1511 Gen. Luna St., Paco, Manila
Tels. 522-8846, 522-9438, 400-5394

OBITUARY REQUIREMENTS: ❶ Copy of Death Certificate ❷ Any identification document (I.D.)

WE ACCEPT CREDIT CARDS and bank-to-bank payments



NO END IN SIGHT MIKE ALQUINTO

A STOCK broker transacts with a client while reviewing his deals for the day which, one can only guess, leave so much to be desired. Shares hit a new three-year low yesterday, reflecting the poor sentiments in overseas markets.

SELECTED OPERATIONS

Philpost plans to privatize

By Abigail L. Ho

THE PHILIPPINE Postal Corp. has disclosed plans to privatize certain aspects of its operations so it could compete more efficiently with its private sector counterparts.

Postmaster General Nicasio Rodriguez Jr. said in an interview that most private courier service providers could deliver mails and cargoes faster than the state-owned mail carrier because of several factors.

"Our service is very much dependent on public transportation. The private companies have their own planes and other modes of transport while Philpost has none," he said.

Rodriguez said that Philpost also has the obligation to cover the entire country while its counterparts in the private sector were allowed to choose which areas to serve.

"Our rates are basically lower than theirs but these private companies undercut us sometimes by offering their rates in certain areas. They can afford to do it while Philpost has fixed rates," he said.

He added that the number of Philpost's post offices nationwide has not increased despite the dramatic increase in the number of people it has been serving.

"This is why Philpost could not possibly serve everybody in the fastest possible time. The possibility of privatization also came into the picture because of this," Rodriguez said.

He recognized the need for Philpost to improve its service, considering the fact that it had already lost a huge number of customers due to the growing popularity of e-mails and text messaging.

Rodriguez said the planned privatization for Philpost would not entail an outright sale of some of its operations. He said it would likely come in the form of joint ventures, concessions or operations management agreements although everything would be done through bidding.

Up to 55 percent of Philpost's operations can be privatized, he said. The terms of reference for the privatization will be finalized next year and the bidding will likely be held within the same year.

Thrift banks' bad loans down in June

By Clarissa S. Batino

THE COUNTRY'S more than 100 thrift banks have registered a slight decline in their non-performing loans in June to 11.6 percent of their total loan portfolio from 11.94 percent in the previous month.

Data from the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas showed that the savings banks posted improvement in their loan quality following a 1.56-percent decline in their bad loans to P16.2 billion and a 1.29-percent growth in loans to P139.67 billion.

The BSP said that the June NPL ratio was also slightly lower compared with the 11.63 percent recorded a year ago.

The BSP said that if interbank loans were taken out of their total loan portfolio, the thrift banks' bad loans ratio in June could have been much lower at 12.13 percent.

While thrift banks showed improvement in the quality of their loans, the commercial banks' bad loans ratio continued to worsen, hitting 17.72 percent in July from 16.96 percent in June.

Net of interbank loans, the total loan portfolio of the country's savings banks, stood at P133.57 billion as of June.

The industry's coverage ratio also went up to 49.6 percent in June from 48.8 percent in the previous month.

The industry's gross restructured loans also went up by 23 percent to P4.77 billion, or 3.4 percent of the total loan portfolio, from P3.38 billion or 2.8 percent of the total in the previous month.

Last year, gross restructured loans stood at only P2.22 billion or 1.7 percent of total loans.

The asset quality of the country's thrift banks, however, worsened as non-performing assets ratio rose to 16.9 percent in June to P40.04 billion from 16.8 percent in May. The weakness was fueled by the 4.1-percent increase in these banks' foreclosed assets.

The BSP said that the bad loans ratio of banks should slightly improve in the coming months as lenders pursued a more aggressive credit program to offset the rising level of NPLs.

GOINGS-ON

Plantersbank-FMO

PDB-FMO Development Center, a joint undertaking of Planters Development Bank and the Netherlands Development Finance Corp., recently received its accreditation as a registered consulting firm of the Asian Development Bank.

ADB confirmed PDCenter's registration on July 12. The ADB accreditation came as the PDCenter embarks on a new project as consultant to the Mekong Project Development Facility in Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos.

The PDCenter was incorporated on January 1992 primarily to assist traditional and other financial institutions in the development and promotion of small and medium enterprises.

Smart's 2nd GSM switch

AS PART of its P21-billion network expansion program for this year, Smart Communications Inc. announced that its second GSM switch in Mindanao has been put on full operation, raising its network capacity in the region by another 350,000 subscribers.

Located in the facilities of PLDT affiliate Pilipino Telephone Co. (Piltel) in Patag, Cagayan de Oro City, the new facility supplements the existing switch in Davao City. It serves primarily the provinces of Lanao del Norte, Misamis Occidental, Zamboanga del Norte, Zamboanga del Sur, Maguindanao, North Cotabato, Lanao del Sur, Misamis Oriental, Bukidnon, Surigao del Norte, Camiguin, Agusan del Norte, Surigao del Sur and Davao del Norte.

The CDO GSM switch is a Nokia DX2001, the latest in the Nokia family of GSM Mobile Switching Centers (MSC) with advanced features that allow Smart to support its wide range of mobile value-added services, which include mobile banking, information-on-demand and access to the wireless Internet.

BPI to merge two non-life insurance units

By Doris C. Dumlao

BANK of the Philippine Islands, the country's second biggest lender, will merge its two non-life insurance units, FGU Insurance Corp. and FEB Mitsui Marine Insurance Co.

This is part of the bank's efforts to consolidate all the assets it acquired when it took over Far East Bank and Trust Co. in April last year, the deal that made BPI the second largest bank in the country.

In a disclosure to the Philippine Stock Exchange, BPI corporate secretary Carlos Aquino said the merger would still be subject to the approval of the regulators and the respective boards of the two companies.

FEB Mitsui Marine is a joint venture between Far East Bank and the Mitsui Marine and Fire Insurance Co. Ltd., Japan's third largest non-life insurer.

FGU is one of the three major insurance and reinsurance firms belonging to the BPI Financial Services group. The other two are Ayala Life Assurance Inc. and the Universal Reinsurance Corp.

In 1999, BPI merged with Ayala Insurance Holdings Inc. which was the holding company of these three insurance and reinsurance companies.

FGU was founded 88 years ago when Don Antonio Melian y Pavia, Count of Perecamps, put up the first Filipino fire insurance firm, the Filipinas Compañia de Seguros, in order to break the monopoly of foreign companies on the local insurance business.

The Filipinas Compañia de Seguros linked up with two other insurance companies, the Philippine Guarantee Inc. and the Universal Insurance and Indemnity Co., to form the FGU group of companies. The letters in the group's name represent the three allied companies.

When the Filipinas Compañia de Seguros' corporate charter expired in 1963 under the then 50-year legal limitation on corporate life, the FGU Insurance Corp. was officially established to take its place.

DIGITEL
Dial-a-Directory
114

Kamag-anak o kaibigan, saan man sa Luzon, kaydali nang hanapin!

The country's only Luzon-wide directory, from Luzon's largest telephone network*... isang tawag mo lang sa iyong DIGITEL phone. DIGITEL Dial-A-Directory114. Narito lahat ng DIGITEL subscribers sa mahigit na 300 cities and municipalities in Luzon. Kaya ang kamag-anak o kaibigan na matagal mo nang gustong tawagan ay maaring narito lang. At dahil ₱2.20 lang per minute ang DIGITEL-to-DIGITEL NDD calls na LIBRE pa tuwing Linggo**, simulan mo na ang madalas at mahabang tawagan!

DigiKarD

Rate is VAT inclusive, same rate applies to Digikard
** Outside Metro Manila*
***Good for DIGITEL-to-DIGITEL Sunday calls from July 16 to December 30, 2001 only; promo is valid in Libis and Luzon only, excluding payphone calls.*

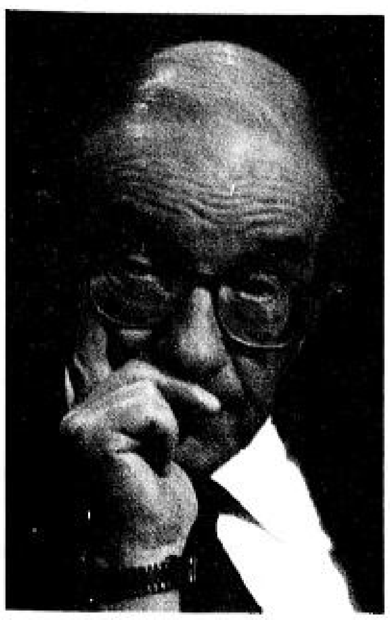
DIGITEL PAYPHONE

DIGITEL
in association with TELIA AB of Sweden
Digital Telecommunications Phils., Inc.
Head Office: 110 E. Rodriguez Jr. Ave., Bagumbayan, 1110, Q.C.
Tel. No. (02) 2408447, Fax No. (02) 3950002

Giving Voice To Luzon.

A JG Summit Company

Per DTI-NCR Permit No.0967 Series of 2001



GREENSPAN

Stocks hit 3-yr low on economic woes

NEW YORK—Wall Street sank to fresh three-year lows and the dollar tumbled on Thursday as Federal Reserve Chair Alan Greenspan said the US economy "ground to a halt" after last week's attacks and would suffer disruptions for some time.

Crude oil prices fell as fears of imminent recession countered looming US retaliation for last week's attacks, as the US government readied to move fighter planes and bombers to the Middle East.

US Treasuries eased as investors took profits after a powerful two-day rally that pushed yields on short-term notes to historic lows.

Even before Greenspan addressed the Senate Banking Committee, investors were gripped by fear that the attacks and likely US military response will send an already enfeebled global economy spinning into recession.

Greenspan said the Sept. 11 attacks on New York and the Pentagon will have "significant effects" on the US economy in the short term, but that long-term economic prospects have not been significantly diminished.

"(Economic) stability was only barely becoming evident in the US in the period immediately preceding the acts of terrorism," but the economy will "recover and prosper," Greenspan told the committee.

The deployment of about 100 US warplanes toward the Middle East and Indian Ocean added to the sense of anxiety seizing financial markets. "Markets are working to price in slower world growth prospects, and there is probably more to go in that process," said David Malpass, international economist at Bear Stearns in New York. *Reuters*

Republic of the Philippines
Office of the President

TOLL REGULATORY BOARD

NOTICE

Re: Intention and Proposals to Construct a Temporary Entry/Exit at km 72 + 172 northbound, Mexico, Pampanga, along the North Luzon Tollway

Central Country Estate, Inc. formally submitted its intention and proposals to construct the above mentioned Temporary Entry/Exit at km 72 + 172 northbound, North Luzon Tollway.

This notice is being published in compliance with the requirements of the Toll Regulatory Board for the Grant of Permit for the Construction of a Temporary Entry/Exit along Tollway facilities.

(Sgd) JAIME S. DUMLAO, SR.
Executive Director

IIF sees slower global growth

WASHINGTON—The Institute of International Finance on Thursday forecast slower global growth this year and next, partly due to the impact of attacks last week in New York and Washington and the global economic slowdown.

The IIF, which forwards the agenda of banks to the International Monetary Fund and others, forecast US economic growth of just one percent this year, with only a slight improvement to 1.3 percent next year "under the assumption that growth picks up substantially starting in the second quarter of 2002."

IIF managing director Charles Dallara told a news conference that economic growth in the Group of Seven nations—the United States, Canada, Britain, Japan, Germany, Italy and France—would be just 0.8 percent this year and that growth in the 12-nation euro zone would be "well below 2 percent."

Dallara was also concerned about weakness in Japan, where he saw the potential for a "significant recession."

"We do see extreme weakness in the Japanese economy for the foreseeable future," Dallara said. "Confidence will only reemerge among Japanese investors if we see steady and structural reforms being implemented. The need for fundamental reform remains," he said.

Weakness in Japan, combined with the slowdown in Europe, could contribute to keeping G7 growth close to its lowest pace since 1992-1993, the IIF said.

"The economic situation for both the G7 and emerging markets is quite bleak," Dallara said. "We are now in what we hope to be a mild recession. We do anticipate a recovery next year."

A grim set of realities

Dallara said that after the attacks in New York and Washington last week, which destroyed the World Trade Center's twin towers and damaged the Pentagon, a "grim set of realities" lay ahead and that there was a need for a "strong and coordinated response from G7 countries."

After the strikes, all the G7 nations have lowered interest rates in an effort to avert a potential global recession. The Federal Reserve, for the eighth time this year, also cut key interest rates to 3 percent from 3.50 percent to keep markets functioning before they reopened on Monday.

On Thursday, Federal Reserve Chair Alan Greenspan told Congress that the attacks on the United States will have "significant effects" on the nation's economy in the short-term but that the full impact would take weeks to assess.

US Treasury Secretary Paul O'Neill, however, told the same Senate Banking Committee that the economy remained resilient and that effects of the attack on it could not be gauged yet. *Reuters*

Asian stocks sharply lower on US war fears

HONG KONG—Share prices across Asia tumbled Friday in the wake of diving Wall Street stocks amid fears of recession and the impact of military action by the US.

United States share prices fell hardly Thursday as the Dow industrials tumbled 381.19 points or 4.4 percent to 8,377.94 and the Nasdaq slid 57.11 points or 3.7 percent to 1,470.69 at the closing bell.

US stocks have fallen around 13 percent since Monday, when they reopened after last week's terrorist attacks in New York and Washington.

In Japan, share prices fell 2.4 percent or 230.17 points to close at 9,554.99 following Wall Street's dive and the yen's gains against the dollar.

"Declines of shares in New York and the yen's appreciation are the main factors depressing players today," said Nikko Securities broker Hiroichi Nishi.

"A lot of players are refraining from being involved in trading ahead of the weekend," Nishi said.

The headline index plunged below 9,400 points early trade but recovered slightly on bargain hunting, brokers said.

"Market sentiment remained depressed as negative elements are mounting in the market," including rising fears about US retaliation against the terrorist attacks, Nishi said.

Hong Kong share prices dropped 3.65 percent to below the 9,000-mark in morning trade.

"The Hong Kong market was badly hit again by Wall Street's weakness. As long as political uncertainty is in place, there is little hope for Wall Street to turn stable. Hong Kong will follow," said Johnny Mak, director with China Everbright Securities.

The key Hang Seng index lost 340.69 points to close the morning at 8,977.29.

The Australian share market lost 2 percent as it tracked Wall Street amid warnings the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks would tip the US into recession.

Investors wiped 2 percent from the value of Qantas Airways stock Friday, while the future of failed carrier Ansett remained clouded by the estimated $1-billion debt that forced its grounding last week. *AFP*

Japan to inspect banks

TOKYO—Japan's financial regulator is at long last stepping into the murky pool of banks' questionable loans as government officials begin to give shape to Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi's structural reform policy.

The Financial Services Agency, ahead of the government's game plan for reform to be published later on Friday, said it would inspect bank loans to companies that are not classified as very risky but are reckoned to be so by financial markets.

The move comes in response to long-standing criticism over the FSA's scheme for monitoring bad loans, as the biggest bankruptcies in recent years have been among companies not on the FSA's blacklist.

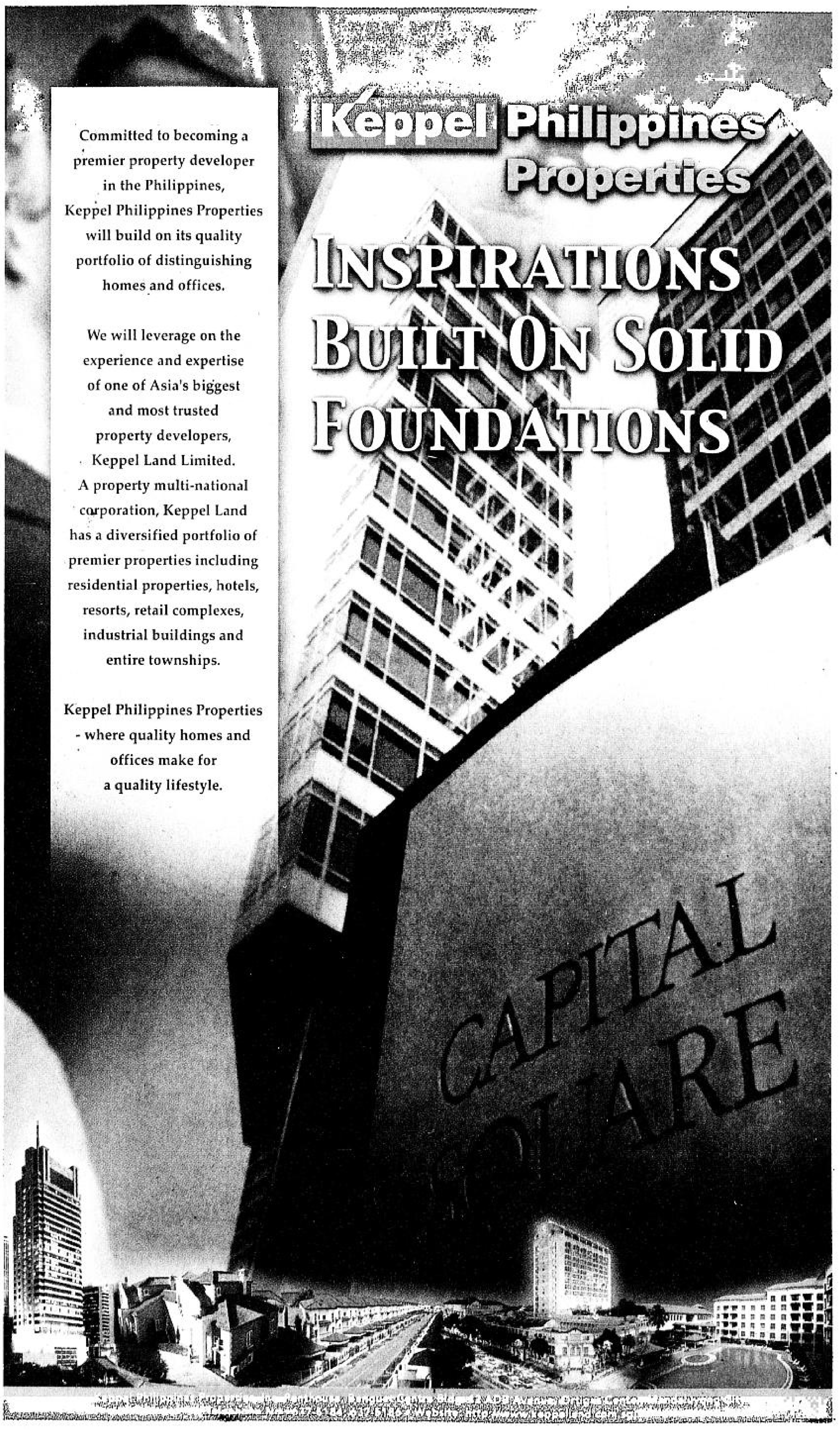
The failure of Mycal Corp., the nation's fourth-largest supermarket chain, which filed for bankruptcy proceedings last week, is a prime example.

"It's not final, but we are considering inspections focusing on loans to firms whose assessment in the market has fallen," Financial Services Minister Hakuo Yanagisawa said on Friday in a parliamentary testimony.

"When a borrower's credit rating or share price falls, we will check how the creditor banks are assessing the situation. We have come to a stage where we have to do that."

The government's plan to make banks dispose of non-performing loans within the next few years has focused on big banks' core bad loans, totaling 19 trillion yen ($163 billion) at the end of March.

Some analysts have estimated the total pool of problem loans to be as high as 150 trillion yen. *Reuters*



Keppel Philippines Properties

INSPIRATIONS BUILT ON SOLID FOUNDATIONS

Committed to becoming a premier property developer in the Philippines, Keppel Philippines Properties will build on its quality portfolio of distinguishing homes and offices.

We will leverage on the experience and expertise of one of Asia's biggest and most trusted property developers, Keppel Land Limited. A property multi-national corporation, Keppel Land has a diversified portfolio of premier properties including residential properties, hotels, resorts, retail complexes, industrial buildings and entire townships.

Keppel Philippines Properties - where quality homes and offices make for a quality lifestyle.

CAPITAL SQUARE

Total quality healthcare by

Ætna
an ING company

Individuals • Families • Corporate Groups

Aetna Center 104 Herrera St., Legaspi Village, 1229 Makati City

For choices that matter... Aetna offers a variety of health plans designed to address your specific health care needs. These plans provide access to an extensive network of over 2,000 highly qualified primary care physicians and specialists in 300 accredited hospitals and full service clinics nationwide.

Aetna HealthCare, Inc. is a member of the ING Group, a global financial institution of Dutch origin, active in the field of banking, insurance and asset management. ING has total assets exceeding US $ 500 billion, capitalization of around US $ 60 billion, operations in 65 countries with 100,000 employees serving 50 million customers worldwide.

Call 750-9000 or 1-800-1-888-9900; Website: www.aetna.com.ph

People, Events & Products

ARIES B. ESPINOSA, Assistant Editor

aespinosa@inquirer.com.ph

President Arroyo to keynote 17th Philippine Ad Congress

THE SCHEDULE of activities in the 17th Philippine Ad Congress in Cebu City will be officially opened in the morning of Nov, 22 with a keynote address by President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo. The Lady CEO of the land is expected to deliver a high-power speech to start the Congress on a high note.

The Ad Congress, with the theme "Target: Market Asintado sa Pinoy Ngayon", will be given flesh and blood by a list of local and foreign advertising luminaries.

Dr. Paul Temporal, a global expert on brand creation, development and management, will talk on "Romancing the Consumer". Temporal is well-known for his practical and results-oriented approach in spurring annual profit increases for many clients. He authored several best-selling branding books such as "Corporate Charisma, Strategic Positioning, Branding in Asia" and "Hi-Tech, Hi-Touching Branding".

Tim Tyler, founding chair and managing consultant for Peppers and Rogers Group Asia, will share his ideas on "One-to-One Marketing". Tyler has been involved in the management of several Asia-based companies since the early eighties, harping his strength in strategic consulting.

On the creative front, Akira Kagani of DYR Japan will talk about "Creativity: The Asian Perspective".

Research-based local speakers will share their insights in the Pana-hosted ad congress. Among them are Fidela Zaballa, president of Feedback Inc., who will discuss "The Emerging Gray Market", Raul Juan Esteban, managing director and COO of Philippine Survey and Research Center (PSRC) who will talk on "Dollar Earner, Peso Spender", a dissertation on how the OCW family spending pumps the local economy, and the spending pattern of the huge segment; Alicia Pascual, regional marketing director of Audit and Surveys Worldwide, and Azucena Barredo, executive director of AC Nielsen Philippines complete the list of consumer research experts who will provide updates on very specific and focused target segments.

Client, brand and IT-based speakers include Virgie Ramos, president of Gift Gate Inc.; Regina Navarette, VP marketing of Jollibee Foods Inc and Manny Escosa of Pacific Internet.

Showbiz personalities like Boy Abunda and Johnny Delgado will lead a panel that will provide answers to the question "What makes box-office hits and top raters (Paano Ba Magpapatok?)."

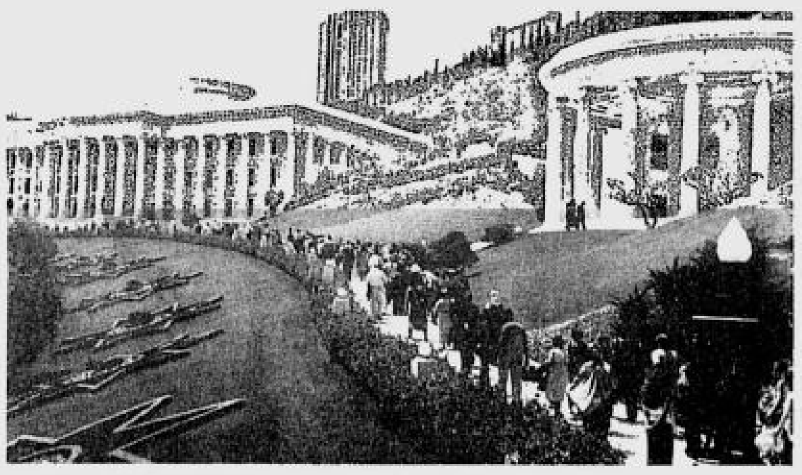
A special feature of this year's congress is a communication arts students forum to be held in Cebu Plaza Hotel, where future ad men and current hotshots get to meet and exchange views. The forum will be highlighted by the presentation of Raul Castro, executive creative director of Lowe Lintas on "Creativity in Motion", or "How marketing and advertising objectives meet in harmony." Success cases on what really works in the Philippine marketplace will cap the forum.

The congress will be capped by the Araw Awards Night, a tribute to the country's best advertising on print, radio and TV. The event, as in previous Araw Awards, promises to be fun and entertainment-filled.

A real power-packed list of speakers await the delegates to the 17th PAC, which has already reached 1,200. The ad congress executive committee is calling on all industry and academe would-be delegates to sign up now with the secretariat at 818-6158, 892-8348, 892-8359 for the last 600 seats available.

AMA INKS AGREEMENT WITH MICROSOFT

AMA Computer College, Asia'a pioneer and largest in computer-based degree education, recently signed a school agreement with software leader Microsoft Philippines. This is considered the biggest school agreement in the country as it covers 5,000 desktops – all of which will be installed with licensed Microsoft software. Through the Microsoft School Agreement, AMA Computer College, which has affiliates with international IT companies and academic institutions, reaffirms its commitment to provide quality education to its students by providing them access to the latest technology. Present in the contract signing were (seated, from left) Sam Jacoba, Microsoft Phils. business development director; Richard Francis, Microsoft Philippines managing director; Amable Aguiluz IX, Amaes president and Dr. Amable Aguiluz V, Amaes founder and chair. Also witnessing the MSSA signing were (standing, from left) Karim Bangcola, Amaes senior vice president for operations; Ma. Angela Aguiluz, Amaes assistant treasurer; Ditas Formoso, Microsoft Phils. director for enterprise service; Bernie Ivans Salay, Amaes senior AVP for business development and Manuel Abad, Amaes executive vice president.

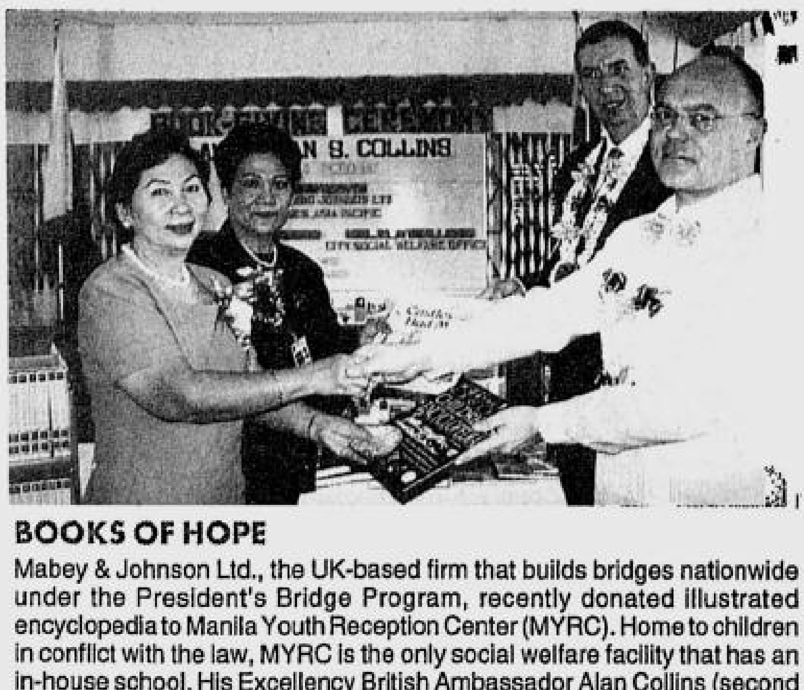


FILIPINOS ATTEND ISRAEL PROCESSION

The diversity of the worldwide Baha'i community was evident as more than 3,000 delegates from 182 countries made their way up recently on the 19 Terraces of Mount Carmel, Haifa, Israel in a spirit of devotion. The historical procession was a showcase of the human garden, resplendent in all its races and colors representing the 6 million adherents of the Baha'i International community. 11 representatives from the Philippines coming from Cagayan, Nueva Vizcaya, Nueva Ecija, Occidental Mindoro, Oriental Mindoro, Makati, Muntinlupa, Laguna, Cebu and from Iloilo attended this historical gathering.

HOTEL TOPPING-OFF RITES

Officials and guests perform a topping-off ceremony to signal the final development phase of the six-level Kabayan Hotel in Pasay City. Shown (from left) is Philippine Association of Service Exporters Inc. president Victor Fernandez with POEA administrator Rosalinda Baldoz, Overseas Workers Welfare Association deputy administrator Delmer Cruz, Kabayan Hotel president Nelson L. Napud, Kabayan Hotel product operations manager Dante C. Cruz and Bagong Bayani International marketing president Efren Tormes. The one-star hotel targeting the overseas Filipino worker as its key market is owned and managed by The Legend Hotels International.



BOOKS OF HOPE

Mabey & Johnson Ltd., the UK-based firm that builds bridges nationwide under the President's Bridge Program, recently donated illustrated encyclopedia to Manila Youth Reception Center (MYRC). Home to children in conflict with the law, MYRC is the only social welfare facility that has an in-house school. His Excellency British Ambassador Alan Collins (second from right) was the guest of honor in the turnover ceremonies led by David Forsyth (extreme right), Mabey & Johnson director general, Asia and the Pacific; Dr. Lourdes Lim, (extreme left), assistant superintendent, Division of City Schools, Manila; and Virginia Victoria, school principal.

Popples, Plush Pals to 'pop' into the hearts of Filipinos

WHAT goes around comes around. The comeback of the studs, leather and other punk relics of the '80s is proof that trends just come and go and come back again, minus the tackiest elements, thank God. But this coming September, it's not just fashion that's making a comeback. After a decade of hibernation, Popples, the "pop"-ular plush toys in America during the '80s will be stalking stores in the Philippines.

These fuzzy balls that unfurl into sherbet colored critters will not only appeal to the kids but most especially to those Moms and Dads who like to take the latest nostalgia trip through their playroom from the past. The parents will be fond of Popples because they're real classics. Or if you're just out to capture the girl of your dreams, Popples will help you get closer to her heart.

A child's giggle 'n laugh, sparkle and shine friend, Pitter-Patty Popple and Pizazzy-Jazzy Popple, turn inside out for two-in-one play. They giggle and laugh when their "Try-Me" button is pressed. As little lights embedded in them light up whenever they start giggling, you can't help but let out a giggle yourself.

Pixie-Doddle, Polka-Dottie and Pinwheel-Penny are based on the original Popples characters. Real classics updated for today's children and adults alike to cuddle and play with. They also turn inside-out for that two-in-one surprise.

These Popples can go with you anywhere. The Cutie-Fruity Popples Clip-ons, Lemon-ade, Strawberry Shake and Blueberry-pie are your wonderfully scented take-along, clip-on anywhere pals. Just press their shoulders and they open their arms ready to grab anything. Each has its own signature fragrance that's sure to soothe your worries. Put them in the car, in your office desk, bags, etc. Bet you'll never part with them.

Watch out for Popples in your favorite toy stores and specialty shops. Sure to "pop" into your hearts this September. Exclusively distributed by Europlay Distributor Co., Inc.

BITS Clips

Free OB Gyne consultation

BETADINE Femine Wash, the antiseptic wash specially formulated for monthly periods, Alpha D3 Vitamin D metabolyte for better bone quality, and SM Foundation join forces in providing a free OB Gyne consultation for SM Mall shoppers in SM Sta. Mesa at the "Gamot sa Kapwa" booth, upper ground floor of the South entrance on Sept. 25, 4:30 to 8:30 p.m.

SWI grand aerobics showdown

SLIMMERS World International (SWI) gathers the fittest, toughest workout enthusiasts for the ultimate challenge in physical fitness and aerobic endurance at the "Grand Aerobics Marathon." Set on Sept. 26 at the Glorietta Activity Center, the Grand Aerobics Marathon features 130 mighty workout contenders representing SWI branches in Makati, Alabang, SM Megamall, Binondo, Malate, Greenhills, Caloocan, Pasig, Subic and Cebu. The aero challengers will vie on a two-hour non-stop workout. The event is sponsored by Fly Ace Juice, Hygeia Feminine Intimates, Envie, Canon, Dole, and Nivea Lotion..

Voice of the Philippines 2001 eliminations

SUNRISE Entertainment Co., SM Super Malls and Genetic Computer Institute will hold the highly acclaimed Voice of the Philippines Search for Singing Stars Solo Inter-high school competition for 2001. The search is for all high school students who have the talent and potential to become recording artists. Final elimination rounds on Sept. 29 at SM Bacoor, Cavite, Oct. 5 at SM North Edsa and Oct. 20 at SM Southmall. Grand finals will be on Nov. 29, 4 p.m. at SM Activity Center, SM Trade Hall, Manila. Big prizes await winners, including scholarships for computer courses courtesy of Genetics Computer Institute. Other major sponsors are Bunny Jeans, Flower Collection, UK Derm Pharma, Ricky Reyes Salon, Frederick Alba Creation, Country Style Donuts, Melody Pops, Pinoy Radio DM 95.5, the official radio station and Philippine Daily Inquirer. Screening is still going on. Call 632-7852 or visit Unit 727 Cityland Shaw Tower corner Shaw Boulevard, Mandaluyong City.

PPHA 2001 NATIONAL CONVENTION

Unilever Philippines-Domex brand manager Patricia Niles (second from left), Department of Health (DOH) director for infectious diseases Dr. Eric Tayag (second from right) and the DomeX-Men pose during the Philippine Public Health Association's (PPHA) annual national convention at the Manila Midtown Ramada Hotel. Some 1,000 professionals from the health and education sectors attended the event, which aimed to address health-related issued in today's society. As the official sponsor of the convention, Domex set up a booth demonstrating how the product can help maintain a hygienic clean inside the home. Domex is recognized by the PPHA, International Scientific Forum in Home Hygiene (IFH) and the Bureau of Food and Drugs (BFAD) as the only all-around home cleaner that cleans and kills all known germs. For product inquiry, call the Domex hotline at 564-0456 (Metro Manila) and 1-800-1-888-327 (outside Metro Manila). Domex is a product of Unilever Philippines.

BODYSHOTS 2001 PRESENTOR

Marie France Bodyline International and Facial Hair Care Center's Irene Dujungco (seated third from left) and Fashion Designers Association of the Philippines president Lito Perez (seated, fourth from left) recently inked a major sponsorship deal for the Bodyshots 2001 Model Competition. The deal was formalized by simple contract signing rites held at Country Waffles Restaurant in Greenhills. Others in photo are FDAP members Gino Fernando (seated from left) John Dennis Apostol and Edgar Madamba and Bodyshots 2001 candidates Jonathan Camara (standing from left) Luke Mucklin, Paula White, Jennifer McDonald and Michelle Shulte.

Prepare for a whole new experience.

AD AGENCY FOR MAGNIFICAT

7RD Realty Corp. recently appointed Charisms Advertising Inc. as the advertising agency for The Magnificat Church and Columbarium project. Present during the signing of the contract (from left) were Rafael P. Dizon III, president, 7RD; Bienvenido V. Rockwell, president and CEO, Charisms Inc.; Rafael J. Dizon Jr., chair, 7RD and Jose Romeo Gavino, COO of 7RD. Magnificat is the first church and columbarium of its kind in the country.

Health department builds 25 centers for mothers

THE DEPARTMENT of Health has built 25 health facilities across the country for mothers and pregnant women.

Those facilities were built on the heels of the country's rising incidence of maternal deaths at 10 every 24 hours, or 180 per 100,000 live births.

Most of the deaths, which run to thousands, occur in remote areas and among low-income families, whose access to health care is constrained economically and geographically.

Thus, the DOH built 11 lying-in clinics (LICs) and 14 maternity waiting homes (MWHs) in priority areas, from as far north as the Cordilleras to the southernmost part of Mindanao.

The LICs are mostly housed in the rural health units while the MWHs are located in the compound of the district and provincial hospitals.

The 11 LICs are in Apayao, Mountain Province, Bontoc, Palawan, Oriental Mindoro, Biliran, Eastern Samar, Maguindanao, North Cotabato, Tawi-Tawi and Zamboanga del Sur.

The 14 MWHs are in Apayao, Kalinga, Ifugao, Benguet, Puerto Princesa City, Sorsogon, Eastern Samar, Masbate, Maguindanao, Surigao del Norte, Tawi-Tawi, Zamboanga del Sur, Sulu and Basilan.

The LIC is for normal delivery while the MWH is a place where high-risk pregnant women who are about to deliver are housed so that they can easily be transferred to the hospital whenever necessary.

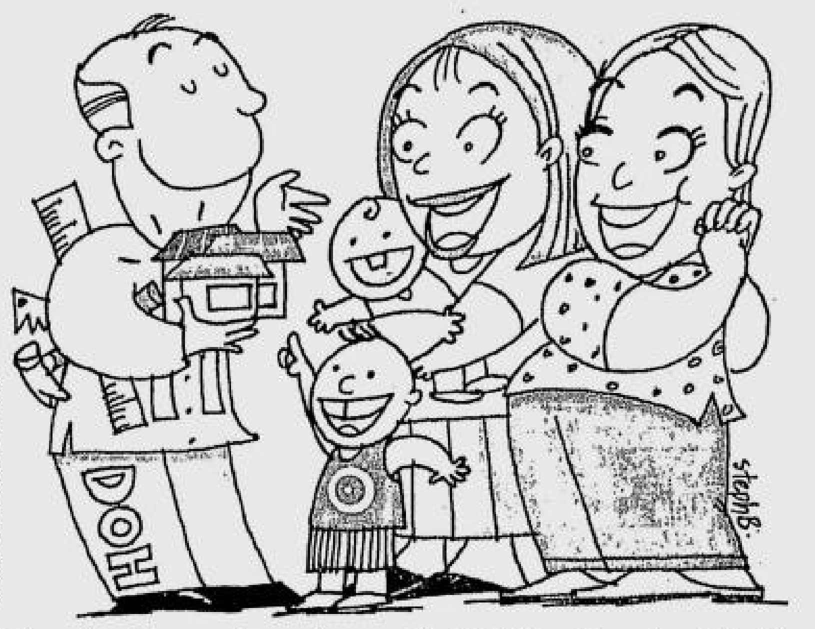


ILLUSTRATION: STEPH BRAVO

Those facilities form part of the Women's Health and Safe Motherhood Project of the DOH, which not only integrates women's health and safe motherhood into the regular services of the country's health units, but also provides safe home delivery kits and food supplements for pregnant women and lactating mothers.

Such facilities enable pregnant women to avail themselves of prenatal, natal and postnatal services, and regular medical attention.

At these facilities, mothers can also attend health classes and read materials on maternal care, even after delivery when they need postnatal checkups and instructions on breast-feeding, proper nutrition while nursing, baby care, needed immunizations and ways of postponing the next pregnancy.

DOH documents show that the magnitude of pregnancy-related deaths has been grossly underestimated not only locally but also globally, and even in such a highly industrialized country as the United States where the mortality rate has increased from 7.2 to 10 per 100,000 live births.

SEA Games medallist turns to sambong for pain relief

MARTIAL artists are trained to grapple and hit hard, trade kicks and blows, and literally sweep opponents off their feet. But when kidney stones are the adversary, what is the game plan?

Ronald Pereña is a stocky, 23-year-old Lipeño who brought home the silver medal for Pencak Silat in the 1999 Brunei SEA Games. Ronald was previously awarded a bronze medal in the 1997 Jakarta SEA Games, and a silver medal in the 1996 Brunei University Games. Pencak (pronounced "penchak") Silat is a form of martial arts that originated in Indonesia and is widely popular in the Malay region. The word "Pencak" refers to the body movements employed during training, and the term "Silas" denotes the actual fight or the application of those movements in combat.

National team coach Medel Buensalido shares that Pencak Silat is a lethal combination of other martial art forms like judo, aikido, karate, taekwondo and wushu.

In October 1999, only a month after clinching the silver medal at the SEA Games, Ronald noticed blood in his urine, accompanied by severe pain in the flank and scrotal areas. "*Halos maiyak ako sa sakit. Mas gugustuhin ko pang masipa at masuntok.* (The pain was so intense I was almost reduced to tears; I'd much rather be kicked and hit.)" He was found to have kidney stones and was advised by Philippine Sports Commission physician Raul Alcantara to take Releaf sambong tablets. Barely a week after he took Releaf, the stones were flushed out of his system and Ronald was cured of urolithiasis. The bemedalled Pencak Silat athlete was ready to kick butts again.

PEREÑA

Releaf is a natural miracle pill derived from the common sambong herb. Sambong is the only scientifically studied antiurolithiasis and diuretic herbal preparation in the Philippines today. Altermed Corp., a subsidiary of Pascual Laboratories, received the 1997 Golden Shell Awards Rising Star Citation and the Silver Medal in the 25th International Exhibition of Inventions in Geneva, Switzerland for developing and manufacturing safe, effective, widely available and affordable Releaf sambong tablets.

Ronald advises those who suffer from edema and kidney problems to seek relief in Releaf sambong tablets adding, "*Ito talaga ang nakapagpagaling sa akin.* (It was Releaf that cured me)." Thanks to wonder sambong, Ronald is back in the game, doggedly practicing for this year's SEA Games in Kuala Lumpur.

Coach Buensalido says that Ronald is a conscientious athlete and martial artist who constantly sharpens his Silat skills and innovates on fighting techniques. He says that determination, discipline and attitude are important in sports as in life and these are what he hopes to develop in the youth to boost the chances of the Philippine team in international competitions. Through the "Batang Pinoy Palaro," a program of the Philippine Sports Commission that is open to 17 year olds and below, young sports enthusiasts from across the country are taken in and trained to become great athletes someday.

"Kids should get into sports that interest them. Concentrate on what you do best, improve on your skills, don't do drugs," Ronald, a criminology graduate who was drafted in the Philippine Airforce Karatedo team, advises.

Beware of Internet false stories

EUREKA!

Queena N. Lee-Chua

I NORMALLY am scrupulous about writing about articles circulated widely on the Net, but in one instance, I was mistaken. Last March 24, I was so charmed by an alleged anecdote about Winston Churchill and Alexander Fleming that I discarded my usual caution and published it in my column. I am gratified though that one reader (who wishes to remain anonymous) took pains to point this out. He has this to say:

Regarding the Fleming-Churchill segment, you might be interested in reading this webpage www.snopes2.com/glurge/fleming.htm.

Some significant excerpts are: "So Alexander Fleming's father saved a young Winston Churchill from drowning in a bog. Or young Alexander Fleming himself saved a young Winston Churchill from drowning in a swimming hole. Or young Fleming helped Churchill's father get his carriage out of the mud and back onto the road. Well, whatever—we've got two fathers and two sons: one of the four helped one of the other three, and one of the remaining two paid for somebody's education. Or something like that. It's a good story, so let's not weigh it down with a bunch of pesky details.

The facts of none of these versions jibe with what we know of these people's lives. No Churchill biography we've found mentions young Winston's chance encounter with a Fleming, father or son. Alexander Fleming was born in a remote, rural part of Scotland and lived on an 800-acre farm that was a mile from the nearest house—not the sort of place where a vacationing Winston would have been likely to wander, or to be discovered by anyone if he had. As well, Winston was 7 years older than Alexander, so young Alexander would probably have been too small to physically rescue the older and larger Winston from drowning."

The San Fernando Valley Folklore Society will be glad to know of documentable references that correct their websites. Their e-mail address is: snopes@snopes.com or snopes@best. com.

I soon replied to this reader, thanking him for his perspicacity and interest. He replied with the following:

I recently received an e-mail from my brother in Atlanta, detailing all the criminals and alleged criminals in the US Congress. I also received an e-mail from a co-worker in Thailand, listing all the bit players in former President Clinton's life, who have died "mysteriously." But in the case of Clinton, the folks who seem to have the most damaging goods on him, Gennifer Flowers, Paula Jones, Kathleen Willey, Linda Tripp, Monica Lewinsk and Kenneth Starr are all still alive and well.

Not to make this totally negative, I do want to pass along that I enjoy your math challenges and discussion. They make my day much brighter since math has always been one of my favorite subjects.

I will share one quick math challenge with you. Consider that you are given a roll of string that is supposed to be equal to the circumference of the earth. Your challenge is to wrap the string around the earth. However, you discover that the length of string is exactly one meter too long. Rather than cut the string to fit, you decide to distribute the excess length and hope that no one will notice. Will they?

Any observant person should quickly notice the excess, as the string will be about 15.9 cm or 6 inches off the ground at any point. Why? If the circumference of a circle is increased by one meter, the radius is increased by 15.9 cm.

I am just an interested reader. Thanks.

Let's heed our friend's warning on e-mail scams, including pseudo-scientific or literary events about famous personalities and institutions. The string-and-earth puzzle, though, has been around for quite some time, and in fact, an early version of it appeared in the math classic "The Education of TC MITS." It remains as intriguing and counter-intuitive as ever—the hallmarks of a perfect math puzzle. Thanks again, sir.

(Queena N. Lee-Chua, Ph.D., is an associate professor of mathematics and psychology at the Ateneo de Manila University. She also writes a Wednesday column "Mind Games" for www.inq7.net. *She can be reached at Ateneo de Manila University, Mathematics Department, Loyola Heights, Quezon City. Or e-mail her at* blessbook@yahoo.com.*)*

Newborn screening detects disorders

THE FIELD of human genetics is continuously introducing new trends in the practice of medicine worldwide such as the breakthrough on newborn screening (NBS). Since the early 1960s, many developed countries, including the United States, Japan and Australia have been conducting screening tests to all newborns as a preventive health measure to detect early signs of "inborn errors of metabolism." Some diseases do not show signs of abnormality such that babies born with any one of them could easily be missed. Such is the case with inborn metabolic (body chemistry) disorders. The babies are born apparently well. Soon, however, vital organs such as the heart, liver and brain sustain progressive, irreversible damage due to deficiency or accumulation of certain substances, which are harmful to the body. By the time telltale signs of the disorder appear, considerable physical and mental defects, or worse, death, have occurred.

In the Philippines, NSB came to life in April 1996. It is a collaborative project involving 18 private and 6 government hospitals, which aim to establish the prevalence rate of five congenital disorders in the country. These disorders that can be detected through NBS are the following:

- **Congenital Hypothyroidism (CH).** This is quite a common "inborn metabolic disorder" resulting in low levels of thyroid hormone. Thyroid hormone is needed by the body for growth and development. A baby with little thyroid hormone will not grow and develop normally. If not treated, he becomes very short, a cretin and mentally retarded for life.
- **Congenital Adrenal Hyperplasia (CAH).** A lot of bad things can happen when a body has CAH. If there is too much **testosterone**, a baby girl's genitals may look like that of a baby boy. A baby boy, on the other hand, will have signs of puberty too early in life. Because there is too little **aldosterone**, a baby could lose so much salt and water that he becomes "dehydrated." This is a very serious condition that may lead to death. Because there is also too little **cortisol**, a baby with CAH cannot cope with even a little stress. Through screening possible death can be prevented by early detection and management.
- **Homocystinuria.** Babies with **homocystinuria** lack an enzyme needed to digest **homocystine** and **methionine**, amino acids that are parts of proteins found in food. These extra **homocystine** harm his eyes, bones, blood vessels and brain. If he is not treated, he may get very ill and mentally retarded. However, in November 2000 homocystinuria was dropped from the panel of tests.
- **Phenylketonuria (PKU).** Babies with PKU lack an enzyme needed to digest **phenylalanine**, an amino acid that is a part of proteins found in food. As a result, too much phenylalanine accumulates inside the body and harms his brain and results in mental retardation.
- **Galactosemia.** Babies with **galactosemia** lack an enzyme needed to digest **galactose**, a sugar that is a part of carbohydrates found in milk. As a result, too much galactose accumulates inside the body that he cannot use, harming his eyes, liver and brain. If not treated, the baby may become blind and very sick. He may even die.

The program was also able to increase the number of screening tests. **Glucose-6-phosphate dehydrogenase (G6PD) deficiency** was added to the original five tests. Babies with G6PD deficiency have very little or no enzyme called Glucose-6 Phosphate Dehydrogenase (G6PD). The enzyme G6PD is especially important to red blood cells. If this enzyme is lacking or missing, red blood cells are easily destroyed. Newborn screening will detect this and treatment can be initiated early.

To achieve the early detection of metabolic disorders, it is recommended that newborn screening be performed on the third day of life through a simple heel prick method. About three or four drops of blood are taken and blotted on a filter card. These samples are then sent by the hospital where your baby is born to the Newborn Screening Laboratory at the National Institutes of Health in UP Manila wherein tests for the five metabolic disorders are performed by trained medical technologists.

The Department of Health has recognized its significance and made it a national program thus the newborn screening program was initiated. At present, it already has the support of 198 participating hospitals all over the country.

During the 4th Asia-Pacific regional meeting of the International Society for Neonatal Screening slated on Oct. 17-19 at the Edsa Shangri-La Hotel, renowned experts in newborn screening will convene to share insights and valuable knowledge regarding the newest information in newborn screening in the world. For inquiries, call up the convention secretariat at 302-1626, fax at 526-9997, e-mail at www.newborn.asia.com.

The case of the heaven-sent angel

BY RAFAEL CASTILLO, MD

NEW JERSEY—I'm visiting Joe, the uremic Physician whose case I wrote about in this column sometime last year. I hid his identity then and simply referred to him as Dr. JC. He is my elder brother. He had end-stage kidney disease and endured almost three years of hemodialysis before he finally had a good-matching donor and a successful kidney transplantation a little more than a year ago. The surgery was done just in time when Joe was almost in a terminal condition. Gerry Ramos, the donor, who is the brother of Joe's wife Tessie, came like an angel sent from heaven.

ILLUSTRATION: STEPH BRAVO

The kidneys serve as the body's filter, removing the waste products from the blood. They are also responsible for conserving the proteins in the body. When the kidneys start to fail, the waste products resulting from the body's metabolism build-up, damaging not only the kidneys but the other organs as well.

There are several causes of kidney disease, but two of the most common causes are diabetes and high blood pressure. Joe had severe high blood pressure which, he now admits, he neglected to treat adequately before, Such is a usual problem with doctors. They—and I guess that includes myself—get so preoccupied with healing others they oftentimes overlook the reality that they need some healing themselves. Doctors can sometimes make the worst patients, and again, that includes myself.

Diabetes is also another leading cause of kidney failure and that might have partly contributed to Joe's kidney problem since we have a strong family history of diabetes. Together with high blood pressure and elevated cholesterol levels, it's part of a pathological package called "insulin-resistance syndrome" or IRS, which can cause irreparable damage to the kidneys, heart, brain and other vital organs of the body. Patients who have IRS though do not necessarily get a raw deal in terms of severe complications later in life if all the problems in the "package" are properly addressed. Hence, physicians are advised to make a thorough risk assessment of the patient who presents with any of the component problems of IRS. Many patients with IRS also have obesity and an elevated triglyceride level.

MEDICAL FILES

Medical journals report that a good number of newly diagnosed kidney failures can be attributed to this medical problem especially in the presence of diabetes and high blood pressure. The presence of diabetes impairs the body's ability to secrete or utilize insulin properly so it can lower the glucose or sugar in the blood. If the body lacks insulin or fails to use it properly, sugar builds up in the blood, inflicting damage to practically all organs of the body especially the kidneys.

High blood pressure is an important factor in the progression of kidney disease in diabetics. The elevation of the blood pressure accelerates the progression of kidney failure but it may also result from the kidney base itself. It is therefore a vicious cycle that needs to be controlled. Although kidney failure cannot be cured, its progression can be retarded by effective management of the blood sugar and blood pressure.

Kidney disease or nephropathy, occurs when the persistently elevated blood pressure or blood sugar damage the glomeruli, which are the filtering units of the kidney. When this happens, the proteins in the blood starts to leak out and the presence of small but abnormal levels of the blood protein albumin in the urine called microalbuminuria is the first sign of kidney damage. This has been noted in 20 percent of patients with type 2 diabetes and 25 percent of patients with elevated blood pressure.

There are five stages of kidney disease due to high blood pressure and diabetes. A patient may remain in a mild or beginning stage indefinitely. Some however may progress to more severe stages quickly until the final end-stage kidney problem is reached and the only alternative to prolong survival is dialysis and subsequently kidney transplantation.

It's great seeing my brother Joe looking good again. I've visited him a few times when he was severely ill, looking pale and weak, itching all over, and hardly getting any sleep at night. Severe itchiness or pruritus is usually part of an end-stage kidney problem. Now, he's living a normal life and cherishing every minute of it with his loving wife Tessie, who is a nurse at St. Luke's Roosevelt Hospital Center in New York; and their children—Christine, who just recently started a primary-care medical practice in southern New Jersey; Rachel, a budding trial lawyer in Philadelphia; and Eric, also a lawyer in one of the biggest law firms in New York.

Joe has initially retired from active medical practice, but with his restored health and stamina, he missed the natural high he got from seeing patients and helping them get well. He has recently started seeing patients three days a week during summer and fall. Come winter and spring, he and Tessie look forward to doing their gardening in sunny Florida.

With God's grace and the unwavering support of his wife Tessie and their children, Joe survived his end-stage kidney problem. Joe was already on the verge of giving up after three years of failing to get a good-matching donor. He was preparing himself to accept his fate, when—as if an answer from heaven with God telling him, "You're not done yet with life, Joe. You've been very good to your patients and they're gonna miss you."—Tessie's brother, Gerry Ramos, drove all the way from Chicago to visit Joe. Moved by Joe's condition, he offered to donate one of his kidneys, right there and then. He asked nothing in return. When his tissues were matched with those of Joe, it was a near perfect match, as if they were brothers.

Joe and his family will forever be indebted to Gerry. His sacrifice to offer a part of himself to save my brother is the highest form of selfless generosity, which is hard to come by these days. He is truly heaven-sent. And God really knows exactly the right angel to send.

(Medical Files is based on the case histories of actual patients. Apart form the medical information, it stresses the socio-psychological impact of disease on the patient. Dr. Castillo is a past president of the Philippine Heart Association/Philippine College of Cardiology. For comments or questions, e-mail raffymd@I-manila.com.ph.)

Half of Filipinos cannot digest lactose in milk

MILK plays a vital role in the mental and physical growth of your child. All the goodness of milk, though, is of little use if your child cannot tolerate it.

In the Philippines, studies have shown that up to 50 percent of Filipinos are lactose intolerant. Lactose intolerance is the intestine's inability to digest the milk sugar "lactose." In other words, the body cannot readily absorb lactose in milk. Ordinarily, everyone has an enzyme in their digestive system called lactase, which breaks down lactose into simple sugars that the intestine can absorb. In cases of lactose intolerance, the lactase enzyme is either absent or reduced, leaving the person unable to properly break down the lactose and digest it. The undigested lactose then remains in the intestine, causing the typical symptoms of lactose intolerance, which include: excess gas, bloating, abdominal pain, and diarrhea.

Fortunately, you can put your child on a lactose-free formula and not miss out on anything nutritionally. Mead Johnson's lactose-free milk formulas are the simplest solutions to the nutrition needs of lactose intolerant children. Enfalac Lacto Free (for children below 12 months), Enfapro Lacto Free (6-18 months), and Enfagrow Lacto Free (above 12 months) contain glucose polymers instead of lactose for easier digestion. Glucose polymers enhance the absorption of minerals at a rate comparable to lactose. Unlike lactose which can only be metabolized by the enzyme lactase, glucose polymers can be metabolized by five different enzymes.

SCIENCE/HEALTH
CESAR D. MANGAWANG, Editor ■ STELLA O. GONZALES, Assistant Editor

LIKE A TRAFFIC JAM

High-blood pressure makes heart work harder

BY TESSA R. SALAZAR

IT comes like a thief in the night. It steals not your material possessions, but your heart. And your life. Diseases of the heart and the vascular system have been the two most common causes of death in the country since 1995. Such diseases comprise 39.6 percent of deaths caused by the 10 leading causes in the Philippines. Heart diseases claim 77 lives for every 100,000 population. Vascular diseases, the No. 2 cause of death, kill 59 for every 100,000 people.

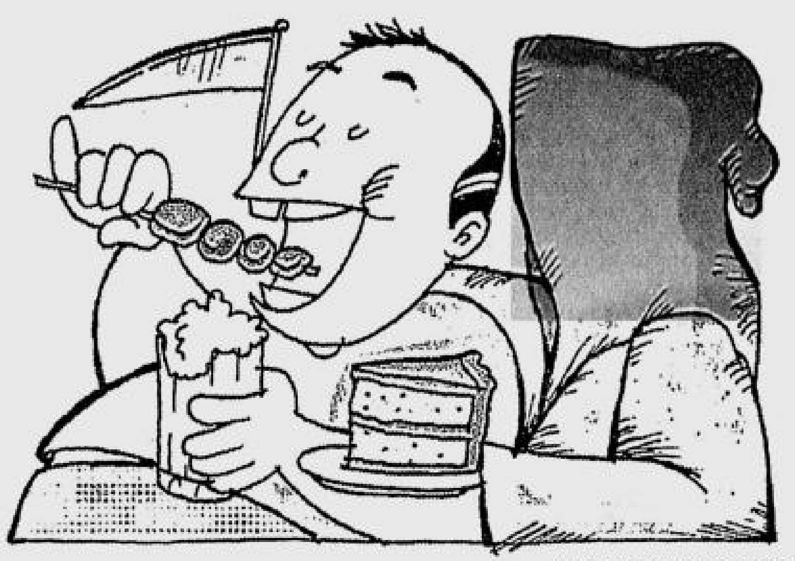


ILLUSTRATION: STEPH BRAVO

Every minute, nine Filipinos die of cardiovascular illnesses. Every 9 minutes, a child below the age of 15 dies of heart disease. But there is more to heart and vascular diseases than just the simple "heart attack" and its devastating toll. The medical books and cardiologists speak of other strange-sounding heart and vascular conditions.

Most common disease

They sound less popular, but they lead to one fatal result: the inability of our hearts to perform the all-important function to supply our bodies with oxygen and to rid our bodies of waste products. Any disease that affects the heart and interferes with circulation can lead to heart failure. Diseases may selectively affect the heart muscle, impairing its ability to pump blood. The "Merck Manual of Medical Information" says that the most common disease is coronary artery disease, which limits blood flow to the heart muscle and can cause a heart attack.

The Merck manual explains that the heart muscle requires a continuous supply of oxygen-enriched blood from the coronary arteries so that the heart could contract and pump blood normally. But as an obstruction of a coronary artery worsens, ischemia (inadequate blood supply) to the heart muscle can develop, causing heart damage. The most common cause of myocardial ischemia is coronary artery disease. Coronary artery disease's major complications are called angina and heart attack.

The risk of coronary artery disease is increased with a sedentary lifestyle, high fat diet and smoking. A heart attack is also known as myocardial infarction. It is a life-threatening emergency that involves partial or complete blockage of the coronary blood supply resulting in damage to the heart muscle. Its severity is determined by the amount of muscle that is damaged.

Angina, on the other hand, can be felt as temporary chest pain or a sensation of pressure that occurs while the heart muscle isn't receiving enough oxygen.

There is also such a thing called unstable angina. It is the more severe form of angina. Chest pains are felt due to the partial blockage of the coronary arteries that supply blood to the heart. It can progress from a mild condition into more intense forms. Unstable angina requires hospitalization.

Likened to traffic jam

Another disease that can increase the risk of heart failure and even stroke is high blood pressure or hypertension. The weakening of the blood vessels is much like a busy street. High blood pressure does to the arteries what heavy trucks do to inadequately constructed roads. Blocking the blood supply to the heart muscle is likened to a traffic jam. High blood pressure or hypertension can make the heart work harder.

In a Food and Nutrition Research Institute's 1998 study, about 21 percent of the adult population 20 years and over have hypertension, while a 1993 Philippine Health Statistics figure showed that 28 deaths per 100,000 population were caused by stroke or cardiovascular accident.

During early adulthood, an average Filipino can already suffer from hypertension, coronary heart disease or ischemic heart disease, as cited by the Department of Health. It also noted that these conditions are common in middle age groups, particularly males.

New drug reduces risk of heart attack

AN ANTIPLATELET medicine, if taken early and continuously, can reduce the risk of heart attack, stroke and cardiovascular death by 20 percent.

This was revealed in an international clinical trial considered the largest study ever done on people with unstable angina and mild heart attack. The study, called CURE (Clopidogrel in Unstable Angina to Prevent Recurrent Ischemic Events), was a randomized double blind trial conducted on 12,562 patients across 482 hospitals in 28 countries.

The CURE study's aimed at evaluating acute and long-term treatment with Clopidogrel on top of standard therapies, which include aspirin or acetylsalicylic acid (ASA). This was compared to standard Clopidogrel therapy alone in the prevention of major cardiovascular events in patients with unstable angina and non Q wave myocardial infarction (mild heart attack).

Clopidogrel, also known as Plavix, was found to provide added protection from ischemic events. The benefit of the drug was seen in patients within two hours of treatment and continuously increased over the entire study duration of 12 months.

Filipino cardiovascular organizations welcome the results, which they believe is one of the most important breakthroughs in the field of cardiovascular medicine. The Department of Health cites diseases of the heart and the vascular system as the top two killer diseases in the country.

Cardiologist Ma. Teresa B. Abola, chair of the Council on Stroke and Peripheral Vascular Diseases of the Philippine Heart Association, said the CURE trial is the largest randomized controlled trial on a drug that could improve the outcome of patients with acute coronary syndrome or those with impending mild heart attack.

Dr. Cesar Recto, member of the board of directors of the PHA, said the result of the CURE trial spell a major advance in the treatment of acute coronary syndrome.

Factors that place a person at increased risk of developing acute coronary syndrome include age, genetic factors and smoking. These can cause hardening of the arteries (atherosclerosis) where there is an accumulation of fat in the artery wall. These fatty deposits can lead to the formation of blood clots (atherothrombosis), which in turn can block the arteries.

The blocking of the arteries can lead to insufficient blood flow to the heart, which causes the pain characteristic of angina. If left untreated, this condition can lead to unstable angina, non Q wave myocardial infarction (mild heart attack) and possibly fatal heart attack.

The risk factors for acute coronary syndrome include diabetes, smoking, high blood pressure and high blood cholesterol. A family history of coronary artery disease is also a major risk factor for unstable angina and mild heart attack.

The Canadian Cardiovascular Collaboration Project Office located at McMaster University is the coordinating center for the CURE study. *Tessa R. Salazar*

Hypertension drug can also protect heart, kidneys

THERE is hope for hypertensive Filipino patients with type 2 diabetes and who fear kidney and heart damage. The results from a new clinical trial show that an antihypertensive drug can protect the kidney and dramatically delay the progression of kidney disease, including reducing the risk of developing end stage renal disease.

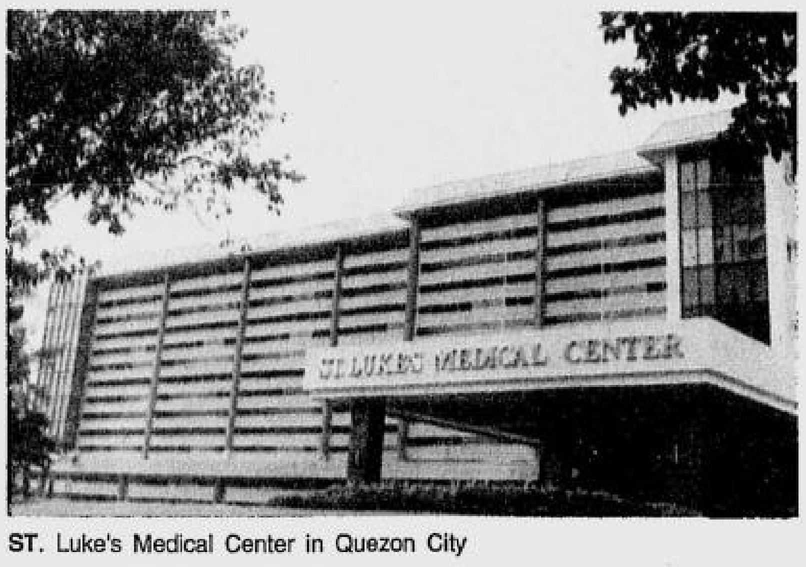
The drug, claims its proponents, has cardio protective benefits. The result of the study, published in the New England Journal of Medicine, was announced Sept. 19 in a teleconference attended by over 30 medical writers worldwide, including the Philippines.

The drug, known as Losartan, is being carried in the country by Merck Sharp and Dohme Philippines. The renal protection study for Losartan includes 1,513 patients from 28 countries. Proponents claim it is the first and only study to report that a drug reduces ESRD (end stage renal disease) in type 2 diabetic patients with kidney disease.

Diabetic patients are in constant danger of suffering from kidney damage. A diabetic suffering from severe kidney failure needs maintenance shots of insulin that could cost P700 for 10 days, aside from a P2,000-a-day kidney maintenance.

MSD medical director Beaver Tamesis, a cardiologist, explained that for diabetic patients at risk over a 3.5-year period, it is estimated that one case of ESRD can be prevented for every 16 treated. He added that Losartan reduces ESRD by 32 percent.

The study revealed that proteinuria—the presence of protein in the urine and a marker of kidney damage—has significantly reduced by 35 percent in the group treated with the drug with conventional blood pressure therapy compared to the placebo group with conventional blood pressure therapy. *Tessa R. Salazar*



ST. Luke's Medical Center in Quezon City

A cutting-edge hospital in Bonifacio Global City

WHAT could be a more appropriate setting for a spanking, world-class hospital such as St. Luke's Medical Center than the much-vaunted state-of-the-art Bonifacio Global City?

Such is now the vision of the country's cutting-edge hospital as plans are underway for the creation of a second St. Luke's Medical Center inside the City of the Future.

"We see a natural fit in locating a new St. Luke's hospital in a modern city like Fort Bonifacio because it is the most financially viable area where our target market, the A and B clients, resides," said Jose F. G. Ledesma, president and chief executive officer of the St. Luke's Medical Center.

Bonifacio Global City is, after all, adjacent to the exclusive Makati villages of Forbes Park, Dasmariñas Village, Bel-Air, San Lorenzo and Magallanes, and half an hour away from the plush villages of Pasig and Alabang.

The hospital, estimated to cost more than P4 billion, will be located on a one-hectare plus lot, right across S and R Price Club. Once operational, it will definitely attract customers from the south, even as the present hospital in Quezon City caters more to those in the north. Both hospitals will offer the same range of excellent, world-class expertise and service with which St. Luke's is synonymous.

St. Luke's is now in the process of putting together a design team, a mix of foreign and local designers. Ledesma estimates that the design process will take about 12 months to complete, then construction can start in July or August 2002 and projected to be completed within three years. Operation is expected to commence by 2005.

Highly qualified team

Seeking out and nurturing outstanding physicians is serious business at St. Luke's, and the hospital is very aggressive when it comes to recruiting young Filipino medical practitioners.

During periodic recruitment trips to the United States, the St. Luke's team personally talks to Filipino medical practitioners to entice them to come home due to unlimited opportunities for growth. For one, doctors at St. Luke's can have the "toys" in terms of cutting-edge technologies, even better than their hospitals in the United States. They are also enticed to do medical research here, which many practitioners are deprived of in local hospitals.

Cutting-edge technologies

Ledesma also makes periodic visits to American medical facilities and equipment manufacturers and brings the latest in medical technology to the Philippines.

For this reason, St. Luke's is said to be the most fully equipped medical center for cancer diagnosis and treatment in the country. Its Hearing and Balance Disorders Laboratory also boasts of the most modern equipment used to diagnose ailments related to hearing and balance. Its 24-hour epilepsy monitoring unit, the first in the Philippines, allows doctors to pinpoint the area in the brain where the seizure is coming from, and what type of seizure it is.

Noninvasive techniques or "knifeless surgeries" are also available at St. Luke's. Its Heart Institute was the first to establish a noninvasive vascular peripheral laboratory in the Philippines and employs the first filmless cardiac catheterization laboratory.

St. Luke's-Bonifacio will also have the same five-star hotel-like amenities available in St. Luke's-Quezon City. There will be a television, refrigerator and telephone for private rooms, free unlimited Internet access, fax machine, VCR player, microwave oven, in-room billing review and even menu selection for patients with normal diets in selected suites, and a concierge for all patients.

Wavefront sheds light on laser eye surgery

ADVANCES in science and technology have drastically altered the way we live. In the medical field, we have witnessed how discoveries and inventions have allowed people to live longer, healthier and more productive.

One such development is refractive laser surgery, a modern procedure that corrects both common and uncommon vision problems by reshaping the outer surface of the eyeball with special laser beams.

Over the past decade, refractive laser surgery has been steadily gaining popularity as a safe and effective procedure in the United States, Europe and the Asia-Pacific region. In fact, over three million people all over the world have undergone such a procedure.

Here, in the Philippines, the Makati Eye Laser Center has performed more than 10,000 successful laser refraction surgeries using Lasik (laser in situ keratomileusis) since it was established in 1995.

Errors of refraction

Like everything medical, laser eye surgery begins with a problem—an "error of refraction."

"Error of refraction is the general term we, doctors, use to classify the three most common vision problems: nearsightedness, farsightedness and astigmatism," explains Dr. Jaime Dinglasan, one of the country's most recognized experts in refractive laser surgery. Dr. Dinglasan heads the Makati Eye Laser Center, the country's premier facility in vision restoration using the latest laser technology under the guidance of the most reputable Filipino ophthalmologists.

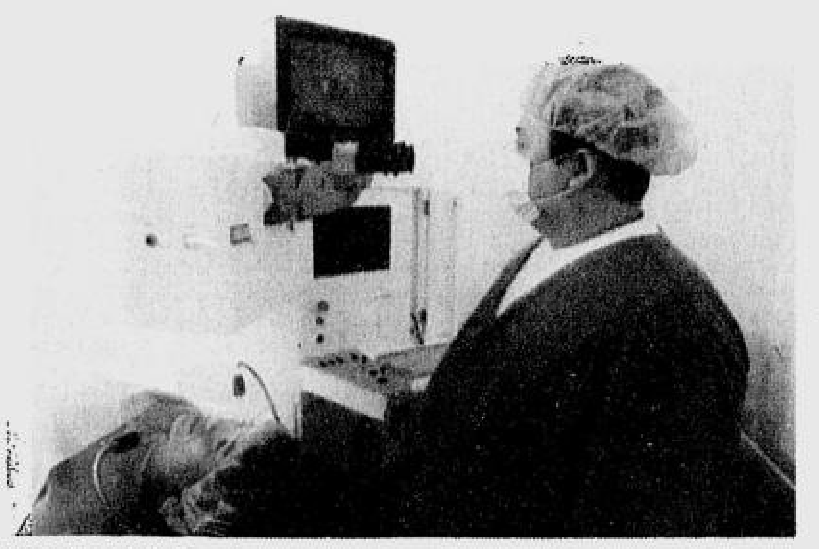
Traditionally, people have used eyeglasses and contact lenses to correct these errors of refraction. But with the advent of high-tech lasers and computers, 70 respected ophthalmologists from Metro Manila and key provincial areas have bonded together to form Wavefront Inc.

Wavefront is a highly specialized group of eye experts who are devoted to performing refractive laser surgery as well as educating the public about the procedure. The group takes its name from Wavefront Technology otherwise known as Zyoptix, which is the most advanced form of Lasik.

Turning on the light

When these people have a problem seeing things clearly, Wavefront doctors turn on the light. Three special kinds of light, in fact.

"Zyoptix is an integrated diagnostic process that allows ophthalmologists to come up with a comprehensive analysis and personalized treatment for each individual eye," explains Dr. Dinglasan.



THE MAKATI Eye Laser Center carefully evaluates each and every patient days or weeks prior to surgery under the guidance of the country's most seasoned ophthalmologists.

A thorough diagnosis prior to laser eye surgery is of key importance because each individual eye, both on the surface and inside, has its distinct and unique features. This is somewhat similar to a fingerprint.

The first component of Zyoptix, called the Orbscan IIz, maps the surface of the outer layer of the eye, otherwise known as the cornea. Corneal mapping takes a detailed picture of the outer layer of the eye in the same way that geographic surveyors record the mountains, valleys and flat planes of a particular land area through aerial photography.

Next comes a machine called Zywave, which reveals to the doctor the position of the eye lens, the shape of the inside back portion of the eyeball and other unique internal structures of each eye.

"By combining data from the Orbscan IIz and Zywave, the ophthalmologist can now use the Technolas 217z that controls laser beams that reshape the cornea and corrects vision problems," reveals Dr. Dinglasan.

Laser eye surgery is an outpatient procedure. The entire treatment lasts somewhere between 15 and 20 minutes for both eyes and patients can go home without any bandage. They simply have to wear clear goggles for a day and there are no restrictions for normal activities.

A human touch

While the process, explained in general terms, seems to be quite simple, laser eye surgery is in fact a highly specialized field. This is why the 70 Wavefront member-doctors from all over the Philippines rely on the facilities of the Makati Eye Laser to carefully evaluate each and every patient days or weeks prior to surgery.

Beyond professional expertise and the latest technological tools, the Makati Eye Laser has reached one step further to deliver a human touch.

"Several medical findings swear by the healing powers of the human touch. It can be a hug. It can mean holding the hand. Some doctors believe that such contact delivers benefits ranging from preventing the common cold to fast-tracking the recovery of people who were paralyzed. Since we can't give that literal kind of human touch we have come up with something that's quite close," shares Dr. Dinglasan.

Because of its nationwide network of ophthalmologists, Wavefront can coordinate a complete package for people from the Visayas and Mindanao who have to fly to the Makati Eye Laser Center for their laser eye surgery. The package includes coordinating accommodations, transfers and transportation to and from the medical facility.

The nationwide Wavefront network encompasses key provincial areas as far as Ilocos, Tarlac, Pampanga, Bulacan, Calabarzon, Bicol, Iloilo, Cebu, Davao, General Santos and Zamboanga.

Makati Eye Laser, located at the Algeria Building on Pasong Tamo Makati City, is the pioneer in refractive laser surgery procedures that correct nearsightedness, farsightedness and astigmatism.

HEALTHSCOPE

Breakthrough ER card launched

AN INNOVATIVE and affordable emergency card was recently launched by a new medical services company.

Called the ER5000 Card, the unique emergency card provides a breakthrough solution to the financial problems that usually many patients encounter in unexpected emergencies such as accidents or sudden onset of illness. Made affordable through a socialized pricing structure, the ER5000 Card product will entitle the cardholder prompt treatment in emergency rooms of accredited hospitals and healthcare institutions nationwide.

With the card, the individual no longer has to worry about his capacity to pay for the cost of emergency care. Retailed initially at only P350, the card will cover expenses in the emergency room up to a maximum of P5,000, including emergency room, doctor's fees, use of emergency room and ER equipment, emergency room medicine and other ancillary services in the emergency room. It will be valid for one year upon activation.

The card is only the first of a series on innovative products of Medical Services Marketing & Development of MedServ. MedServ was formed to launch innovative health products and services.

Free lecture on age reversal

US-BASED Filipino holistic doctor Eleazar M. Kadile, together with certified clinical nutritionist Genia I. Kadile, will give a lecture on human growth hormone via nutritional therapy. The symposium will be given free to medical practitioners, health enthusiasts whose age ranges from 45 to 85 at the Corregidor function room on Sept. 29 from 2 to 5 p.m.

Due to limited seats, interested parties are enjoined to preregister by calling 371-7015 to 16.

Free cancer book

CHINESE cancer expert Wang Zhen Guo's book "The Cancer Terminator" comes free on the Internet via www.cancerherbal.com.

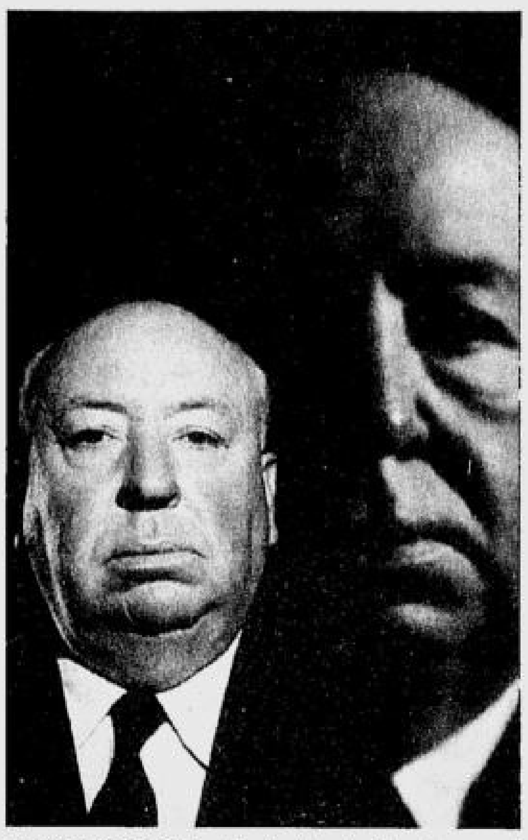
According to Manila-based Green and Gold International Exports, the book is now accessible through the said website for free download—just log on to http://www.cancerherbal.com/english/book/index.shtml—for those interested in the fight against terminal cancer and cancer in general.

The author, Professor Wang, is the president of China's Anticancer Association of Jilin Province, the president of Chang Bai Shan Institute of Medicine and a medical researcher of China's Ministry of Public Health.

Saturday SPECIAL

NESTOR U. TORRE, Editor EDMUND L. SICAM, Associate Editor

Art imitates movies in Alfred Hitchcock exhibit



HITCHCOCK. Fascinated by both crime and the telling of it.

BY PAMELA SAMPSON

PARIS—Tippi Hedren terrorized by frenzied birds. Cary Grant chased across Mount Rushmore. Janet Leigh stabbed to death in the shower.

Roots

No filmmaker left more hearts in mouths than Alfred Hitchcock, and now, 20 years after his death, one of Paris' leading museums helps you trace the roots of his cinematic powers.

The Pompidou Center is drawing big crowds this summer with "Hitchcock: Fatal Coincidences," an unusual exhibit that focuses on his films but mounts enough traditional art to satisfy museum regulars.

The exhibit features 200 artworks that evoke haunting scenes from Hitchcock's thrillers and that curators believe directly or indirectly inspired him. The works—ranging from paintings by Paul Klee to illustrated books of Edgar Allan Poe—are juxtaposed with 300 photographs taken during shooting sessions, along with storyboards, sketches and 40 film extracts.

Visual connivances

"The works presented in this exhibition invite the viewer to better understand certain visual connivances nourished by the Hitchcockian universe," said Dominique Paini, one of the exhibit's curators.

Born in 1899, just a few years after the invention of movies, the young Hitchcock was fascinated by both crime and the telling of it; he followed murder cases as they were reported in local newspapers and voraciously read detective fiction and thrillers, gobbling up anything by Poe.

"Very likely it's because I was so taken with the Poe stories that I later made suspense stories," Hitchcock once observed. "I've tried to put in my films what Edgar Allan Poe put in his novels: a completely unbelievable story told to the readers with such spellbinding logic that you get the impression that the same thing could happen to you tomorrow."

Art lover

Hitchcock was an art lover and collector and deliberately sought to add a visually aesthetic dimension to his tales of murder and suspense. Perhaps his most notable such collaboration was

ART/p.C2

Spare us a moment to view our model units and find-out about our flexible payment terms.

- single-detached homes
- town homes

LEXINGTON
THE CITY'S GARDEN VILLAGE
IN PASIG

OPEN HOUSE
Sept. 23, 2001

LEXINGTON: THE CITY'S GARDEN VILLAGE IS A PROJECT OF GREENFIELD DEV'T CORPORATION

Visit us at the Lexington Pavilion, Eliseo Road, near A. Luna St., Pasig City or call us at 631-8651 for more details.

You can also win in our raffle draw!
Regular registration on-going!
Stitch-A-Photo

DMC
Stitch-A-Photo®
Stitch-A-Prize

Your family. Your friend. Even your favorite vacation spot. Turn their photographs into cross-stitch. They will not only enhance your home… they can even win you big prizes! Choose your favorite pictures of people or scenery and start cross-stitching now!

- More than ₱250,000 in prizes
- Free framing for all finalists**
- 50% Discount on framing for all participants!**

People Category	Winner	Store Partner
First Prize :	₱40,000	₱5,000
Second Prize :	₱20,000	₱3,000
Third Prize :	₱10,000	₱2,000
10 Finalists :	₱4,000 each	₱1,000 each
SPECIAL AWARD :	Cutest Baby ₱3,000	Store Partner ₱1,000

Scenery and Landscape Category	Winner	Store Partner
First Prize :	₱40,000	₱5,000
Second Prize :	₱20,000	₱3,000
Third Prize :	₱10,000	₱2,000
10 Finalists :	₱4,000 each	₱1,000 each

How to Join Stitch-A-Photo Contest:

1. Just buy a Stitch-A-Photo Kit from your DMC dealer and send order form and your picture to FOCUS Global Inc., Pioneer Cor. Reliance Sts., Mandaluyong City 1550. This automatically qualifies you as a registered contestant, if you wish to join.
2. Your Stitch-A-Photo pattern and picture will be sent by mail to you within 2 weeks upon receipt. A free DMC Scissors will also be sent to you if your order form is received from June 15, 2001 to August 15, 2001.
3. Finish the cross-stitch work using the pattern. Minimum design size is 20.32cm x 25.40cm (8"x10"). Only DMC threads and DMC Aida Fabric must be used. For the people category, photo should have a maximum of three (3) people.
4. When finished, place the cross-stitch entry in a tube container and drop at the drop box located at your store partner (Where the Stitch-a-Photo kit was bought.) or send directly to FOCUS Global Inc. Be sure to include the following information:

Name: ____
Address: ____
Tel. No: ____
Signature: ____
Category of Entry: ____
Store Partner (where Kit was purchased): ____
Store Partner Address: ____
Stitch-A-Photo Code: ____

• Take note of the Stitch-a-Photo code. This is the 8 digit code found on the barcode sticker at the upper right hand corner of the SAP order form.

5. A participant can only win once per category. He/She will get the higher prize.

General Mechanics:

1. Raffle draw, selection of Finalists and Grand Finals Judging: February 28, 2002 at FOCUS Global Inc., Pioneer cor. Reliance Sts., Mandaluyong City at 9:00 am. The judges' decision is final.
2. Winners will be notified by registered mail and will be announced in a leading daily newspaper. Prizes may be claimed at the FOCUS Global Inc. office upon presentation of valid ID. Consolation prizes will be sent via courier.
3. Prizes are tax paid. Prizes should be claimed within 60 days from the receipt of the letter of notification, otherwise unclaimed prizes will be forfeited in favor of FOCUS Global Inc. upon approval of DTI.
4. Employees and relatives of FOCUS Global Inc., its ad and promo agencies and DMC dealers up to second degree of consanguinity or affinity are disqualified from the promo.

Schedule of Promo Activities	Judging Criteria
Submission Period : June 15, 2001 to Feb. 14, 2002	Quality of Work : 50%
Judging : February 28, 2002	Overall Impact : 40%
Retrieval of entries : April 15, 2002	Creativity : 10%
Exhibit : April 5-7, 2002	

*Approved by DTI-NCR, Per DTI-NCR Permit No. 0805 Series of 2001

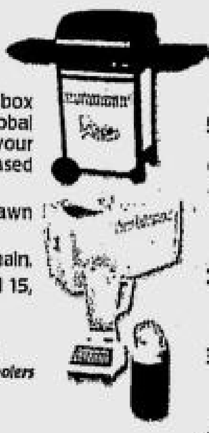
***How to Join Raffle Draw:**

1. When you submit your Stitch-A-Photo entry, include 4 DMC box flaps with security marks "Exclusively Distributed by Focus Global Inc. for Philippine Market only". On the reverse side, write your name, address, tel. no., signature and SAP codes of kit purchased and drop at participating outlets.
2. A participant can only win once. Should his/her name be drawn more than once, he/she shall get the higher prize.
3. Those who join this raffle automatically get a free Coleman keychain.
4. Premium items will be given during retrieval of entries on April 15, 2001 at the store where entry was submitted.

PRIZES:

1st Prize :	*Camping Gaz Smokeless Barbecue Grill*
Two 2nd Prizes :	*Coleman 62.56 Liters Fish and Tackle Coolers*
Three 3rd Prizes :	*Oster Blender*
10 Consolation Prizes :	*Coleman 1.9 Liter Jugs*

Promo Period September 15, 2001 to February 14, 2002.



Exclusively Distributed By:
FOCUS GLOBAL, INC.
Pioneer cor. Reliance Sts. Mandaluyong City
For Inquiries Call: Tel: 634-8587 • Fax: 634-8738

**Framing courtesy of:
FRAMERS SUPPLIERS INC.

Indulge in the most delicious selections from myGlobe.

kyut
aypapa
MY LOVE WESTLIFE
mylov
dog4
cherubs
kissmark
girlbath
BEFORE I LET YOU GO FREESTYLE
Globe
SOMEONE TO CALL MY LOVER JANET JACKSON
some1
CLINT EASTWOOD
SO SLOW FREESTYLE
soslow
SHE BANGS RICKY MARTIN
shbang
dog5
GROW OLD WITH YOU ADAM SANDLER
growold
myguy
214 RIVERMAYA
214
Tones & Icons
Over 3,000 to choose from!

Tones and Icons are some of the exciting services in the Fun & Games category of myGlobe.

- Only myGlobe gives you 20 new selections every week
- Download to your phone or pass it on to your friends
- Express your artistic side by creating your own icon and ringtone at www.myglobe.com.ph

To get these tones, text N <KEYWORD> to 2345
To get these icons, text L <KEYWORD> to 2345
For more tones and icons, text GLOBETONES or GLOBEICONS to 2333
Rates: P20.00 for plan subscribers, P25.00 for prepaid subscribers
Only available for these selected handsets:
Icons: Nokia 5110, 3210, 3310, 6110, 6130, 6150, 6210, 6250, 7110, 8210, 8250, 8810, 8850, 8890 & 9110
Tones: Nokia 3210, 3310, 3330, 6110, 6150, 6210, 6250, 7110,.8210, 8810, 8850 & 8890

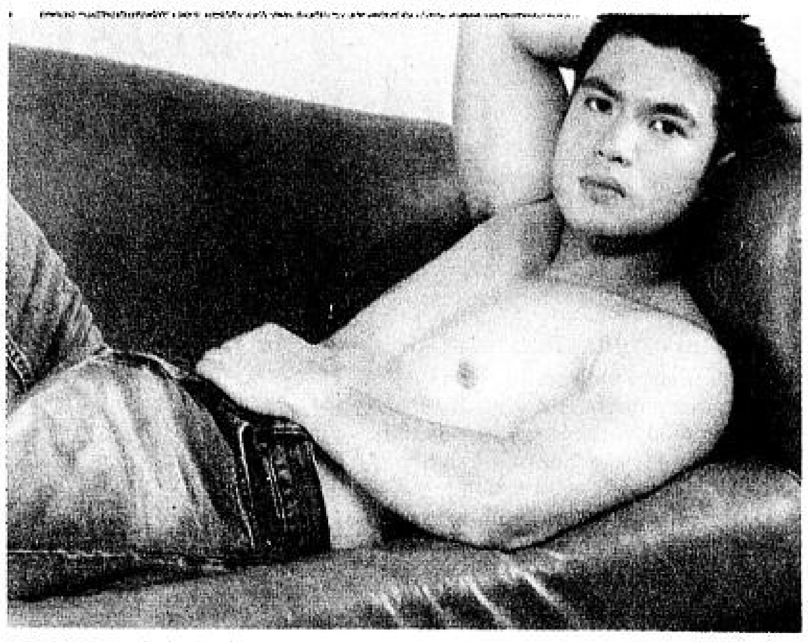
myGlobe
mobile e-services
NO LIMITS

wsa
wireless services asia

myGlobe is a service from Globe Handyphone www.myglobe.com.ph

Diether Ocampo not your typical boy next door

By Mary Ann A. Bautista



OCAMPO. Inferiority complex.

SOME viewers feel that Diether Ocampo is just a typical boy-next-door actor. He's pretty but bland. Upon closer inspection, though, you'll discover that his "hunky" looks complement his roguish, intense presence. Yes, he has depth and substance.

He grew up without a father and was brought up by his conservative grandmother and aunts. He needed a father to guide him during his formative years but his dad died early so he had to cope and learn on his own.

Confused

"Maybe that's the reason why I developed a serious inferiority complex when I was growing up. I was confused. I didn't know what to do with my life. I was so full of insecurities then. I felt misunderstood. I was so shy. People encouraged me to try modeling because I had the height, but I was so skinny then they also wanted me to improve my physique," Diether reveals.

Ironically, he took up physical therapy at De La Salle Cavite, though he never really liked the course. He wanted to pursue a career in Fine Arts because he liked to draw but his family was against it. "I quit school several times because I didn't know what I wanted to do. I bummed around for almost a year until *nagsawa ako. Nahiya na ako sa sarili ko* so I begged my *lola* to give me one last chance. But she wanted to teach me a lesson. She said that 'If I wanted to study again, I had to pay for it,'" he recalls.

Uncertainty

Determined to end his uncertainty and prove his worth, he worked as a service crew in one of the leading fast food chains. "I enjoyed working there but I couldn't meet the demands of both my work and my school so I quit school again. Working felt good while it lasted but I became bored. I wanted to explore and still prove something to my *lola*," Diether shares.

His restlessness led him to bartending in Steel Bar, Quezon City. "I met directors, production crew and talent managers who urged me to try show biz," he grins.

He auditioned for ABS-CBN's talent search in 1996 and was launched as a member of Star Circle Batch 2 a year and a half later.

His struggling days as a working student and bum gave him adequate angst and depth to portray dramatic roles. He's particularly proud of his role in "Maalaala Mo Kaya" in 1998, where he played a young man desperately bent on being an actor. "The role was about a wanna-be who couldn't get the right break so he resorted to indecent means and granted sexual favors to prospective producers and directors. It was my first time to work with *direk* Rory Quintos and she really helped me improve. I wanted to prove that I'm not just a ham actor. I wanted to show that I could really act," he shares.

Soap operas

He also credits his stints on soap operas, "Mula sa Puso" and "Saan Ka Man Naroroon" for honing his acting talent.

Strategic pairings with G. Toengi and Claudine Barretto made him a familiar face among female viewers and tested his potential as a leading man. He was ripe for mature and challenging roles but he was waiting for the right project.

His patience gave him not only the right project, but the opportunity to be paired with Maricel Soriano in "Soltera."

This year, he romances Rosanna Roces in "La Vida Rosa." Scriptwriter Armando "Bing" Lao and director Chito Roño admit that they were skeptical about Diether's acting ability. But they quickly add that their doubts were completely unfounded. Director Chito Roño feels that Diether's boyish vulnerability enhances Dado's character. How does Diether see Dado?

"Dado is tough on the outside but soft on the inside. He's a quiet but enigmatic character. His dark side comes out because of his involvement in crime and violence. Dado is a good person, forced to be bad," Diether clarifies.

Diether believes that his director's penchant for real, exact emotions and details benefit actors in the long run. "*Direk* Chito brings out the best in his actors. Our performance becomes more textured. He wants us to look good. Sure, working with him is not an easy job. *Napiga ako* but my performance is solid. Before we began shooting, he asked me to watch Bonnie and Clyde and other classics to come up with a good characterization of Dado," Diether grins.

He describes Rosanna Roces as a "sex goddess" and Joyce Jimenez (his co-star in "Ano Bang Meron Ka?) as a "guy magnet." "Rosanna's presence is electrifying. It's like working with Marilyn Monroe. But she's a real person. I can talk to her about anything under the sun. Joyce is sweet and sexually stimulating at the same time," he smiles.

There's an intense, serious, sensitive, sensual side to Diether that makes him dangerous and vulnerable at the same time. Clearly, not just a typical boy-next-door leading man.

ROCES. No distracting mannerisms.

Honor and love among thieves

By Nestor U. Torre

PEOPLE who think that local movies can't dig themselves out of the hole they're in have a pleasant surprise in store for them when they watch Chito Roño's "La Vida Rosa." In some film buffs' view, the Star Cinema production is the best Filipino movie made thus far this year. What makes it so outstanding?

Convergence

In our view, the main plus factor is the happy convergence of three major elements—director (Roño), production company (Star Cinema) and scriptwriter (Armando Lao).

They work well together and make it possible for the movie to speak with a unified voice. Lao's script is compelling because its characters and situations are generally real.

His protagonists (played by Rosanna Roces and Diether Ocampo) live desperate lives outside the pale of the law, and yet they know how to love and be loyal to their friends.

Early on, however, we sense that, for all of their occasional goodness, they are fated to meet a violent end. But, when we're proven right, we mourn their demise, because the film has taught us to feel for them.

Testament

In this sense, they are Pinoy versions of Bonnie and Clyde, and it is a testament to Lao's exceptional scripting (and to Roño's direction, of course) that these young hoodlums ultimately come off as sympathetic, empathetic human beings.

Meanwhile, Roño's work as director perceptively physicalizes Lao's characters and their lives of quiet desperation.

Many examples abound, but one of the most striking is the scene that shows how some criminals can be true to their word: Diether's friend has gotten a bigger share of ransom money than was previously agreed upon, and Rosanna is sure that he isn't coming back—but he does.

It's a small but beautiful moment that shows that you really can't pigeonhole people, criminals or law enforcers alike.

Blind mother

Roño further impresses with the way that he expands on the two tragic antiheroes' little universe by including Rosanna's young son (Jiro Manio) and blind mother (Liza Lorena), and Diether's friends *and* former girlfriend (Angel Aquino), whom he still loves despite the fact that she's already married to a wealthy man.

These expanded relationships are instructive because they show Rosanna and Diether's other sides, as "ordinary" members of a family. In a sense, therefore, while they die as a result of their criminal activity, it does not define them.

We like the way that the story unfolds in stages, one surprise following another, instead of everything being stated at the start. This makes the storytelling more dynamic and captivating, because some of the new details may contradict what's been revealed earlier, and the proceedings are infused with a sense of discovery and rediscovery—like life itself.

Also admirable is Roño's way with his actors, encouraging them to come up with their best performances, while refusing to exploit them as some of their past movies have done.

Acting award

Viewers will find a new and more focused Rosanna Roces here, with few of the fussy, distracting mannerisms that cluttered up many of her characterizations in her previous starrers. We daresay that, with this performance, Roces will finally clinch the acting award that she has been coveting all these years.

Diether also does well, with much less of the *porma* that has compromised his performances before.

Both Liza Lorena and Angel Aquino come on strong, but the best portrayals are turned in by Pen Medina as the young hoodlums' maintainer, and little Jiro Manio as Rosanna's illegitimate son.

Like Rosanna, Jiro should be getting accolades for his natural and empathetic performance in this film.

Finally, Star Cinema should be commended for working well with Lao and Roño, and for giving this significant project the production support it needed to emerge as a compelling film, definitely one of the year's best. Do make it a point to see it when it finally opens on Sept. 26.

Art imitates movies . . .

(From page C1)

with master surrealist Salvador Dali, who was commissioned by Hitchcock to design the bizarre but compelling set for the dream sequence in the psychological mystery thriller "Spellbound," in which Ingrid Bergman stars as a psychiatrist trying to help a troubled Gregory Peck.

Coincidence

However, connections with other artists may just be a coincidence, as the exhibition's title suggests.

Edward Hopper's 1927 painting, "Lighthouse Hill," projects the same eerie solitude as the Bates Motel where Janet Leigh got hacked to death in "Psycho." Marcel Duchamp's 1935 "Rotorelief No. 3" looks like the prototype for the dizzying movie poster announcing the 1958 Hitchcock hit, "Vertigo." Surrealist Domenico Gnoli's 1969 painting, "Red Curly Hair" evokes the trains of hair that cascaded down Ingrid Bergman's shoulders as she and Cary Grant exchange smoldering kisses in "Notorious."

Other exhibit highlights include Hitchcock home movies that show the director frolicking with his baby daughter, Patricia, and replays of the infamous shower sequence from his 1960 classic thriller, "Psycho."

Sense of humor

Hitchcock had a wonderful sense of humor (among his many witticisms: "I didn't say actors are cattle. What I said was, actors should be treated like cattle"). One little joke he used to play on audiences was to make a cameo appearance in his films.

JANET Leigh in the famous shower scene from "Psycho."

"It was strictly utilitarian," he once said. "We needed someone to fill a scene. Later on it became a superstition and then eventually a gag."

"Hitchcock and Art: Fatal Coincidences" runs at the Pompidou Center through Sept. 24. *AP*

October
Australia
5 Days Trip
+ $1,000 pocket money

November
China

December
Italy
8 Days Trip
+ $1,000 pocket money

February
Grand Alaskan Cruise
8 Days Cruise
+ $1,000 pocket money

Get a chance to
Win All Four
MONTHLY GETAWAY RAFFLE

For every P2,000 purchase of HCG bathroom fixtures and accessories, you can join the monthly HCG Getaway Raffle! The sooner you buy and the bigger your purchase, you get more chances of winning all four getaways!

Prizes:

- **October Prize*** 5 days/4 nights trip for two to Australia
- **November Prize*** 8 days/7 nights trip for two to China
- **December Prize*** 8 days/7 nights trip for two to Italy
- **February Grand Prize**** 8 days/7 nights cruise for two to Alaska

* Trip prizes include US$1,000 pocket money, airfare, accommodations, breakfast, and land transfers charges.
** Cruise prize includes US$1,000 pocket money, airfare, cruise fare, full board accommodations, nightly entertainment and port charges.

Promo Mechanics:

- This nationwide promotion is open to consumers who purchase any HCG product at any of its distributors.
- For every purchase of P2,000 worth of HCG bathroom fixtures and/or accessories in a single receipt, a consumer is entitled to one raffle ticket.
- Valid purchase receipts are those receipts made within the promo period only.
- Payment of purchase may either be in cash or charge.
- Fill out the raffle ticket with your name, address, telephone number, sales person's name, date of purchase and signature.
- Drop your raffle ticket(s) at designated drop boxes located at the participating distributor outlets or mail to HCG Package Getaway Raffle, HCG Head Office at 1163 Chino Roces Ave., Makati City.
- A winner may win more than once. All non-winning coupons in the previous draw/s will automatically be included in the succeeding draws.
- The sooner you buy and the bigger your purchase, the more chances of winning all four getaways.
- There will be four (4) raffle draws. One winner will be drawn every month scheduled as follows: October 31, November 29, December 22, 2001 & February 15, 2002.
- Monthly deadline for submission of raffle coupons: October 17, November 15, December 15, 2001 and January 31, 2002 for the grand draw.
- Monthly raffle draws will be held at HCG Head Office in Makati every 1:00 p.m. in the presence of a DTI representative. Monthly winners will be notified via registered mail and published in leading newspaper within a week after each draw.
- Winners must present the registered notice together with the claim stub and any of the following: a valid ID, Driver's license, Passport, SSS or birth certificate to claim the prize/s. Prizes may be claimed at HCG head office at 1163 Don Chino Roces Avenue, Makati City. Prizes not claimed within 60 days from notification will be forfeited with prior approval of DTI.
- Prizes are transferable but non-convertible to cash and valid for one year only.
- The 20% tax shall be paid by HCG. Securing of travel documents, travel taxes and other travel related expenses shall be the responsibility of the winner.
- Employees of HCG and their advertising agency, including their relatives up to the second degree of consanguinity or affinity are disqualified from joining the promotion.
- HCG's decision in concurrence with DTI rules and regulations regarding the promo is deemed final and non-negotiable.

Hurry! See Your HCG Distributor Now!

PROMO PERIOD: SEPTEMBER 17 - JANUARY 31, 2002 ONLY. SEE POSTERS FOR DETAILS.

HCG
BATHROOM FIXTURES
Total Harmony with Your Lifestyle

Per DTI-NCR Permit No. 1437 Series of 2001.

Seiko Films in transition

By Nestor U. Torre

FOR many years now, Seiko Films has been known for its sexy pro ductions. Producer Robbie Tan positioned his company in this niche because it made his products distinct and "dependable" as far as sex film aficionados were concerned.

Of late, however, we sense that Seiko Films is in transition. So many other producers have "gone sexy" to beat the tough film times that Seiko is no longer unique, so Robbie might go into something else.

Comedies and teen romps

This could "shock" some film people and sex-movie buffs, but it wouldn't be anything new for Seiko. Many years ago, some of the company's dramas were directed by the estimable likes of Lino Brocka, Laurice Guillen and Chito Roño, and the company also did its share of comedies and teen romps.

This time around, the shift could go in favor of more substantial film fare. We sense a bit of this in Seiko's new film, "Sisid," starring Assunta De Rossi.

The movie is still sex-oriented, but it also has relatively more textured story and characters, pertinent and atmospheric cinematography, occasional ironic and insightful touches, and Joey Romero as director.

We've been a fan of Romero ever since we saw his exceptional "Vampira" with Maricel Soriano, so we're glad that Robbie has gotten him to help make better sense of Seiko's new film.

No sex element

We've learned, too, that Robbie isn't averse to making movies that have little or even no sex element to them. In fact, he has initiated moves to conceptualize and develop more relevant material, provided that the finished films aren't preachy, and vivify their inspirational element in a natural and empathetic way.

It's ironic but also heartening that, just as some "legit" filmmakers are megging sexy flicks to keep their careers alive, the industry's "sexpert," Seiko Films, may be going in the opposite direction next year, hopefully with encouraging results for its innovative producer.

As for Seiko's new film, "Sisid," what makes it interesting is the fact that Assunta has two personas in it. Sometimes, it isn't clear if they're two aspects of the same woman, or two different people entirely. That sense of mystery *and* mystification gives the movie an inveigling psychological edge.

Compelling

Also occasionally compelling is the fact that both personas are loved by one man (Raymond Bagatsing), and one of them is adored by yet another man (Rodel Velayo).

When the two men finally meet, the mystery *and* conflict come to a head, and this makes the movie's final third the production's most compelling part.

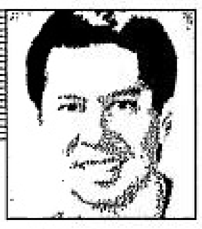
The movie has its share of deficiencies and limitations, but it has more texture and psychological seductiveness than any Seiko production made in the last few years, so it's a potentially viewable film.

More instructively it indicates that our hunch could be right that Seiko may have a surprise or two in store for us as early as next year. Way to go, Robbie—keep 'em guessing!

DE ROSSI. Two personas in "Sisid."

Fine dining at Le Crocodile

WORD OF MOUTH



Sandy Daza

VANCOUVER, CANADA—This place has many attractions. It has some of the most stunning sights in the world, a beautiful ski resort in Whistler, an extremely long hanging bridge, plenty of places to go camping, fishing and hunting. Everything is so near.

Salmon migration

We plan to watch salmon migration which they say will be happening soon. The beach is 30 minutes away. Snow skiing can be enjoyed 45 minutes from where we are. Plus, there are hundreds of differently-priced food establishments to choose from.

Since Vancouver is a melting pot of many people from various cultures and backgrounds, there are many kinds of restaurants. We have combed the inexpensive but good ones. It was time to try a nice fine dining establishment. For that, I consulted a restaurant guide.

Topnotcher

The guide declared that "Le Crocodile" was the most consistent topnotcher. I went with my wife Tessa, my brother-in-law Jay and my sister Stella. The place was brightly lit, impressive, well decorated and as expected, packed.

The menu was so interesting it confused us. We agreed to ask for different dishes to explore this new restaurant menu. For starters, we had the scallop ravioli, the Fromage de Chevere, which is goat cheese salad, the frog legs with cream sauce and of course the fresh foie gras or pan-fried goose liver. The goat cheese salad was a curly endive salad topped with a chunk of breaded and fried goat cheese. Yummy.

> Vancouver has some of the most stunning sights in the world

Scallop ravioli

The scallop ravioli was served with vermouth veloute. What stood out were the pan-fried goose liver with raspberry sauce which was cooked to perfection and the sauteed frog legs with chive butter sauce. It was the first time I tried frog legs prepared in this manner and it was surprisingly scrumptious. We eagerly awaited our main course.

We ordered a grilled Rib eye steak cooked medium rare, a tenderloin steak with Bordelaise sauce, a sea bass and a veal chop. The beef cuts were tender and delicious but both were brought to life by the bone marrow sauce. This Bordelaise sauce was a brown sauce with tender chunks of bone marrow (*bulalo*). The sea bass was served with a nice lobster cream sauce, also delicious.

Huge slice

I loved my huge slice of double cut veal chops which was served with a nice porcini and veal reduction cream sauce. (Porcini is a variety of mushroom with an exquisite taste and aroma. This and morrel mushrooms never fail to tempt me.) Portions were just perfect that we still had room for dessert. We had a warm chocolate cake with orange sauce and nougatine ice cream, crème brulee a l'orange and a pear tart. All were great but the most exceptional one was the pear tart. It is similar to an apple pie with a flaked pastry crust, served with a caramel sauce and vanilla bean ice cream. It was a perfect dessert after this wonderful meal. The dinner was sealed with a cup of expresso. Great meal!

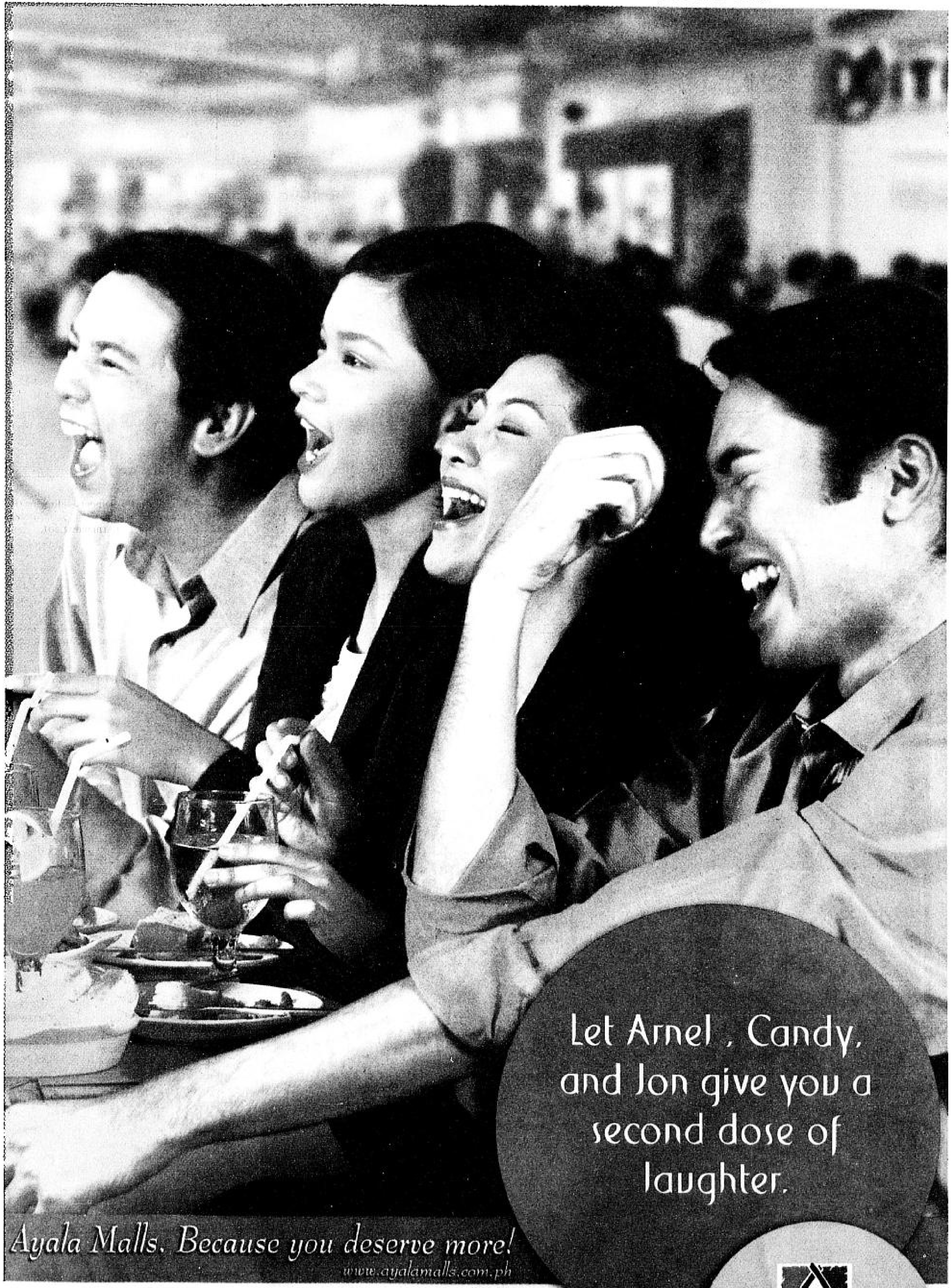
Wonderful experience

On our way home, I thought to myself, "It is places such as these that help make life complete." It was a wonderful experience and we hope to hop over to other equally superb restaurants.

Le Crocodile, # 100-909 Burrard st. on Smithe, Vancouver, B.C. V6Z 2N2. Tel. (604) 669 4298. www.lecrocodile.com

Happy eating!

For comments here's my e-mail address sdytsadz@yahoo.com


Let Arnel , Candy, and Jon give you a second dose of laughter.
Ayala Malls. Because you deserve more!
www.ayalamalls.com.ph

it's back! comedy CLUB @ Greenbelt Mall

Because you asked for it, our live comedy acts are back. Comedy Club @ Greenbelt Mall, along the cafe row, ground floor lobby. Featuring stand-up comedy acts by three of the best in the business:
- Sept. 20 Arnel Ignacio
- Sept. 27 Candy Pangilinan
- Oct. 4 Jon Santos

Shows start at 7pm. Come and cure a stressful day with some comic relief.

AYALA CENTER
GLORIETTA • GREENBELT

Globe HANDYPHONE

GREENBELT TELECOM CENTER
2nd Level, Greenbelt Mall

SWITCHING CHANNELS

Jericho Rosales celebrates 22nd birthday today

By Edmund L. Sicam

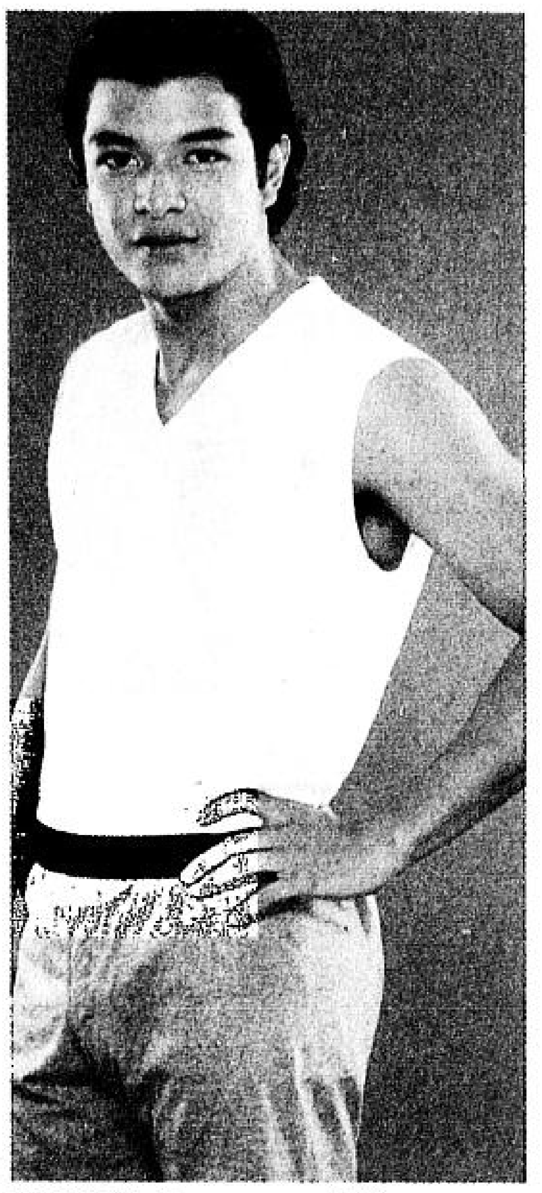
JERICHO Rosales, now considered hot property at ABS-CBN because of his many high-rating soaps, is 22 today but he says he felt like he was already 28 several months ago. That's because he became the breadwinner of his family, something he wasn't prepared for. At that time, he resented the fact that his father could not assume that role. Here he was, still trying to figure out how to run his life, when the heavy load of supporting his family was dropped on his lap.

Jericho was also feeling overworked because of his many assignments. Every day of the week was devoted to countless hours of taping and not enough time was devoted to getting enough sleep. He was playing four characters and with all the pressure, he was sometimes confused which one he was doing. He felt pressured and seriously considered not showing up for his tapings and running away to the beach.

Luckily, with a lot of support and advice from Coney Reyes and turning to prayer, Jericho realized that "this is really my role—serving my family." He understood the meaning of sacrifice. Then his workload became more bearable when better scripts came and he felt challenged. The solution, he realized, was to accept that life is a trade-off. One has to give up something to meet one's goal. He felt good after that and that's when he didn't feel like he was 28 anymore. He also made peace with his dad.

At his birthday press con, he looked quite relaxed. There was no sign of the pressure that he was talking about.

Somebody asked if Kristine Hermosa had something to do with it. He admitted that Kristine was very special to him. Some writers were not happy with that answer. Are they or are they not on? No, said Jericho, they have not yet reached that point. Another writer observed that during a photo shoot for their latest movie "Trip," the two were always locked in an embrace so didn't that mean that they were sweethearts?


ROSALES. Heavy responsibility.

"ASAP" will air live from the Folk Arts tomorrow for product launch.

DEL BIANCO. Liberated but conservative.

Jericho seriously considered walking out on his commitments

Jericho continued to hem and haw and finally said that he was falling for Kristine. As for the *yakapan*, the actor said he had just received great news both for him and Kristine.

Asked about his birthday wish, he said he wanted to go international.

'ASAP' extravaganza

One of the busiest show biz personalities in town is Boy Abunda, who is a talent manager, does two TV shows, a radio program and writes a newspaper column. Now he has been chosen to be an image model for Touch Mobile, the latest cellular offering of Islacom in cooperation with Globe Telecom.

Boy seems like the ideal endorser for the product because of its many features: voice information-on-demand and voice messaging services, accessible through voice-guided menus. In addition, it has an extensive nationwide cellular network.

The product will be launched in an extravaganza on "ASAP" which will be aired live tomorrow from the Folk Arts Theater.

Vanessa del Bianco values privacy

Vanessa del Bianco values her privacy so much that despite all the negative publicity about her supposed affair with "MTB" host John Estrada, she prefers to remain mum about the matter. It's a silence that she has maintained for a long time.

Recently, during the press con for her latest TV series, "Attagirl" aired every Thursday on ABS-CBN at 9 p.m., some writers tried to get her to break her silence on the matter but they failed. She said no matter what she said, it would be taken in a negative way. Most importantly, she said it was a private matter that she'd rather not comment about. She did admit that she's a sensitive person and is hurt by negative publicity.

Asked what topics are off-limits to the press, she said anything that had to do wither family, her love life and her personal life.

Vanessa said he was not used to the exposure she's getting in the local press. Back in Canada, she didn't get this much attention. Of course, she wasn't a popular TV star there.

She considers herself as a liberated woman although she's old-fashioned. She says that men and women treat each other as equals in Canada while Philippine culture is male-dominated.

Another Viva game show

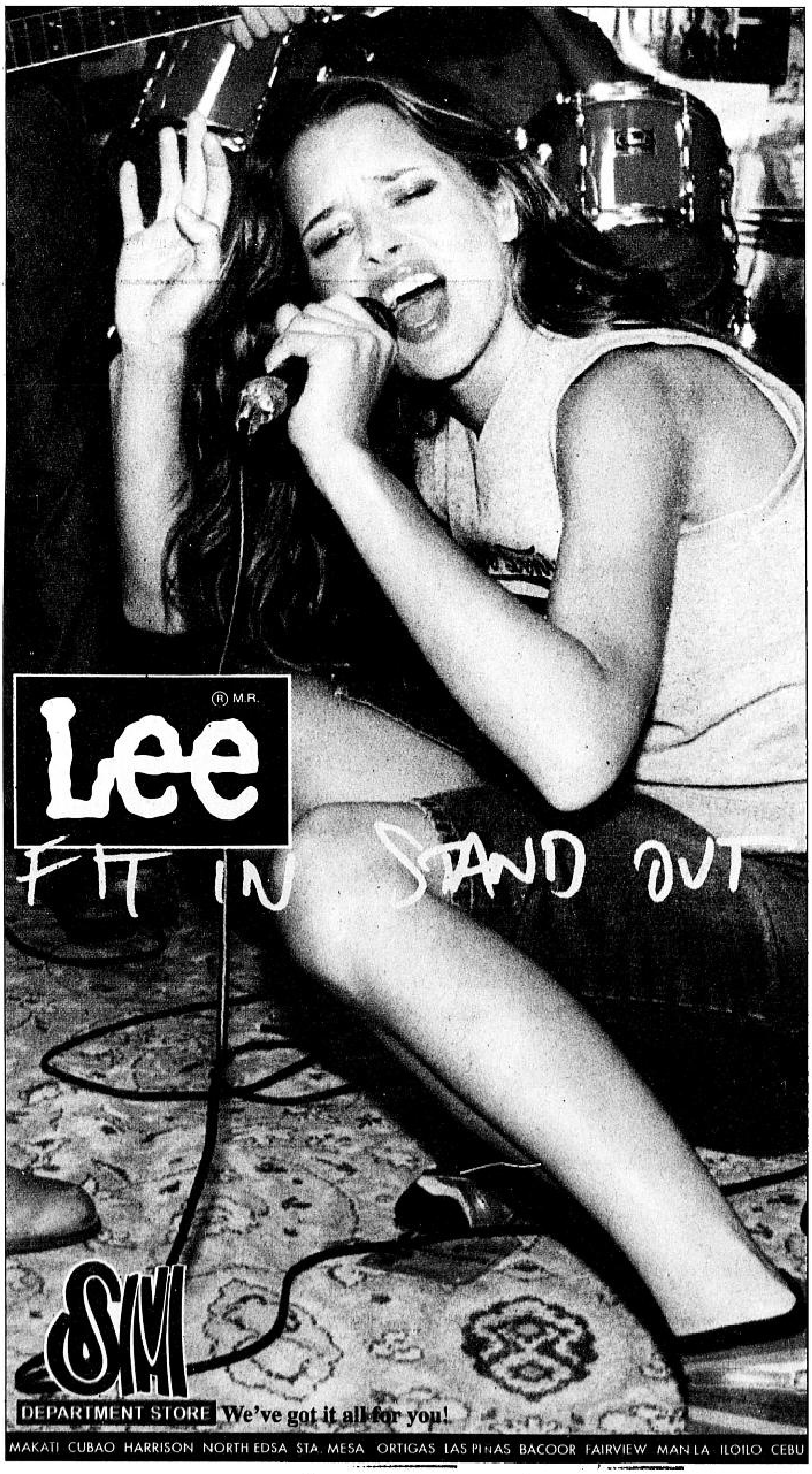
After the phenomenal success of "Who Wants to be a Millionaire," Viva Television is bringing in another popular game show from abroad, "The Weakest Link." Introduced last June on United Kingdom's BBC 2, the show is a cross between "WBAM" and "Survivor."

There are eight players at the star of the hour-long game with each one answering some relatively easy questions. For each correct answer, the group gets a link in the chain during a specified time limit. Each link has a corresponding cash value that could reach as high as P125,000 in each round. Everytime a wrong answer is given, the chain is broken and they have to start all over again. When the group reaches eight links, the round is over.

Now comes the interesting part. Each round, the group chooses which contestant should be taken off the show and go home with nothing. The finale comes when only two are left and they now have to compete with each other for the top prize.

We watched a sample of the show and observed that the female host was rather serious and the pacing of the show was very fast. Will Pinoy contestants adjust to the nerve-wracking game?

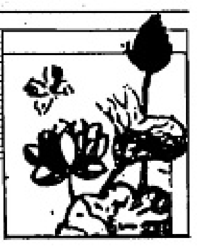
Viewers will find out in October when the first show is aired on IBC-13 at 9:30 p.m., right after "WBAM."



Lee ® M.R.
FIT IN STAND OUT
SM
DEPARTMENT STORE We've got it all for you!
MAKATI CUBAO HARRISON NORTH EDSA STA. MESA ORTIGAS LAS PIÑAS BACOOR FAIRVIEW MANILA ILOILO CEBU

Spicing up your life the natural way

LOTUS POND



R. Valencia and S. Bismark

HOW many spices and herbs do you have in your kitchen? If you have only black pepper and very few others, you may have the same problem that I had some years ago. When I would shop at the supermarket for spices, I really didn't know how to use the various herbs and what they were worth. If I didn't know what they were for, why would I care to purchase them?

Wonders of kitchen herbs

A very useful book "Home Remedies" opened my eyes to the wonders of kitchen herbs and spices. These natural ingredients not only add flavor to your food but they also are good for your health. Fortunately, many of these herbs are now available locally both in dried as well as fresh form. There are already several plant dealers that will sell you the herb plants and you can propagate them yourself.

Today let me share with you the secrets given by Tanja Hirschsteiner on how to use these amazing herbs and spices:

Anise

Anise—sweet and spicy tasting seeds; goes especially well with vinegar, cloves, nutmeg and vanilla. It stimulates appetite, relieves indigestion and cramps, cuts mucus and stimulates secretion of gastric juices. It is especially suitable for bread, stewed fruit, vegetables and in tea mixtures for coughs.

Caraway—dark brown, crescent-shaped seeds with slightly sweet, aromatic flavor; tastes especially good with garlic, onion and chili. It is an excellent antidote for gas and stimulates the secretion of gastric juices and bile, thereby helping to digest fats. It is also good for cramps. It is an important ingredient in stomach and gallbladder teas. It is ideal for flavoring foods that tend to cause indigestion.

Chili

Chili—stimulates appetite, aids digestion and improves blood circulation.

Chives—tubular leaves with slightly spicy-aromatic flavor; goes well with all other fresh herbs. It is rich in vitamin C, stimulates appetite, aids digestion and lowers slightly- elevated blood pressure.

Dill—fresh leaves with intense, slightly sweet, aromatic flavor; can be combined with all fresh herbs but best when used by itself. It is rich in vitamin C, stimulates appetite, relieves minor cramps and stimulates milk production of mothers during lactation. Its leaves are added to salads, white sauces and sour pickles. The seeds are used like caraway seeds.

Ginger

Ginger—goes especially well with cardamom, coriander, cloves and cinnamon. It stimulates appetite, cuts mucus and promotes perspiration.

Marjoram—fresh or dried leaves with strong, slightly mint flavor, goes well with sage and rosemary, but not oregano. It stimulates appetite, helps digest fat, relieves gas and minor cramps. It is used as an ingredient in teas that stimulate appetite and in ointments to treat colds in infants. It is used primarily as a flavoring for fatty foods.

Mustard

Mustard—black mustard seed has a spicy aromatic flavor; goes well with garlic, bay leaf, parsley, and many fresh herbs. It stimulates appetite, saliva production and blood circulation. It combats bacteria and fungi and helps digest fatty foods. It is used as a powder for poultices to relieve sore throats, pulled muscles, gout, osteoarthritis, and sciatica.

Parsley—leaves and roots with slightly sweet and pungent aromatic flavor; goes well with almost all other herbs. Fresh leaves are rich in vitamin A and C. It stimulates appetite and the circulatory system. It promotes digestive juices and improves kidney function. Parsley seeds are used in diuretic teas and its tincture is used to relieve earaches and rheumatoid conditions. It is a universal flavoring for salads, soft cheese spreads, vegetables, potatoes and soups.

Rosemary

Rosemary—needles and small sprigs with slightly bitter-aromatic flavor; goes well with garlic, thyme and parsley. Its volatile oils and tannins stimulate appetite and nervous and circulatory systems. It is used as a tea or in baths for treating exhaustion and weakness associated with aging. (Use sparingly during pregnancy.)

Sage—fresh or dried leaves with a slightly pungent, bitter-flavor, due to its distinct flavor, best used only in combination with garlic, pepper and onion. It aids digestion, acts as an anti-inflammatory agent, reduces perspiration and strengthens nerves. It is used in teas for gargling to relieve sore throat and to treat mouth infections.

Thyme

Thyme—goes well with bay leaf, parsley, garlic and onion. Its volatile oils relieve cramps and is useful as an antiseptic and expectorant. It stimulates appetite and secretion of digestive juices. It is used as a tea for cough and bronchitis and it relieves gas and abdominal cramps. It is a flavoring for vegetables such as tomatoes, mushrooms and eggplant. Do not take large amounts of thyme though for extended periods of time."

Now that we know the amazing benefits of herbs and spices, we can use them to truly spice up our food and spice up our life.

Antoinette Taus tries her luck in the US

By Jocelyn Valle

TAUS. Will focus on singing.

FOR singer-actress Antoinette Taus, now is the best time to try her luck in the US. Thus, five months ago, she and her family (including former child actor Tom Taus Jr.) flew out of the country to settle in the Studio City part of Los Angeles, California. (She was here recently to do a month-long stint on GMA 7's drama anthology, "Larawan.")

Since then, she and father Tom Taus Sr., who is an American citizen, have been meeting a lot of well-connected show biz personalities in the hope that they'll be able to give Antoinette her much-needed break. They are also negotiating for a manager and an agent.

Hoping for the best

The petite performer would rather not divulge any details about the meetings, though. "I don't want to preempt anything," she explains, shaking her head. "I'm only hoping for the best." One thing's certain, though: Antoinette will focus on singing, which, she declares, is her first love.

She just turned 20 but with her elfin frame and delicate features, Antoinette can still pass off for a teenager. This is a great advantage for her because the trend in both the recording and film industries still leans towards the young.

And to keep her in step with the latest beat in the music scene, she has started taking dance lessons in a complex where the likes of Jennifer Lopez and Britney Spears rehearse, under an instructor who choreographs music videos.

She loves pop music but she wants her future recordings to cross over to other people's musical preferences. The way Janet Jackson, J. Lo and Mariah Carrey have in their albums that are patronized by CD buyers from all walks of life, Antoinette reports.

Privacy

"I'm having a lot of fun in the States," she enthuses. "I like the privacy and I'm more relaxed there. But I miss a lot of people here. I love life here." That's why when she was asked by Channel 7 to do "Larawan," she readily accepted the offer.

It was through boyfriend Dingdong Dantes (yes, she's confirmed that they are an item) that Antoinette found out about the drama series. He recently starred on "Larawan" and she got excited to act again. After all, she's done several movies, notably Chito Roño's remake of "Patayin Sa Sindak Si Barbara," and she used to play one of the starring roles on the soap "Anna Karenina."

Curiously, Dingdong has no part in any of the four episodes that Antoinette is headlining for "Larawan." "We really wanted to do an episode together," she offers. "*Nagkaroon lang ng problema sa* schedule. *Sayang nga, eh.*"

Still, "Larawan" with Antoinette is worth your Wednesday-night TV viewing.

Last episode

The final episode, "Sa Bandang Huli" shows a different Antoinette because for the first time, the wholesome actress gets pregnant in the story and by her character's own first cousin at that! She also thinks of abortion as the way out of her problem.

Antoinette admits to being wary tackling such a role. "Hesitant *ako* at first because of the pregnancy issue," she allows, referring to the delicate condition that every other actress who goes abroad is accused of. She felt better after getting the support of the GMA management, realizing that she really had nothing to worry about.

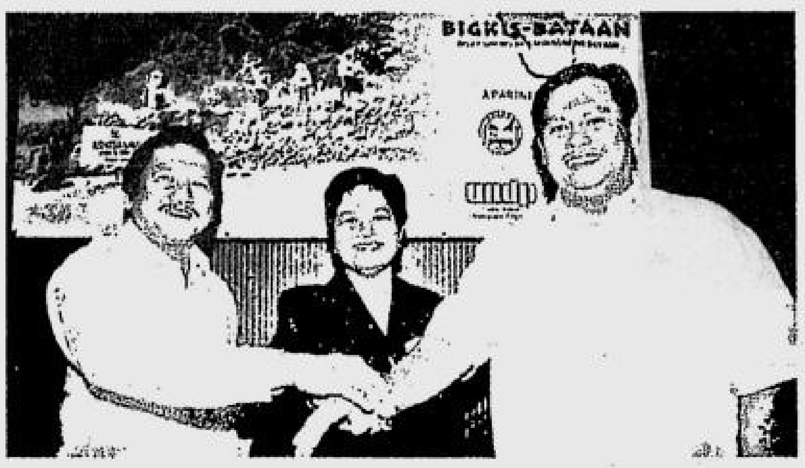
She is also not worried if she's not able to achieve her goals abroad. "I'm prepared for the worst," she avers. "At least when I grow old, I can tell myself that I tried my best."

At the Men's Shoes Department

Gibi

Black leather slip-ons
for everyday wear

SM
DEPARTMENT STORE We've got it all for you!
MAKATI • CUBAO • HARRISON • NORTH EDSA • STA. MESA • ORTIGAS • BACOOR • FAIRVIEW • MANILA • ILOILO • CEBU



MALU with Gov. Roman (left) and Bataan Mayors League President and Dinalupihan Mayor Jose Alejandre Payumo III.

Malu Erni leads Bataan coastal clean up

STREET SMART

Mandy Navasero

TODAY, Sept. 22, a big clean-up takes place in Bataan in celebration of International Coastal Clean Up Day. This is a one-time thing but what is going on in the province of Gov. Leonardo "Ding" Roman is truly amazing. At least 12 towns in Bataan have been doing their own clean-ups for a long time and as of July 2001, Malu Erni, director of Petron Foundation, says 48.1 kilometers have already been cleaned and 36.5 metric tons of garbage collected.

, Remarkable story

How this happened is a remarkable story that demonstrates clearly the power of one to do something. We always hear this line on a cable TV environmental ad campaign, about one human being always having this power to create change, to inspire goodness and trigger an evolution towards something worthwhile. This is happening in Bataan today and no matter how modestly Malu Erni puts it, the foundation she heads is a big part of it.

To the coastal towns of Bataan, the sea is life. It is sustenance, it is beauty. It is also host to the Petron refinery. Malu narrates that in 1999, she had just been designated director of the Petron Foundation. Aside from the ongoing projects, she thought it was time Petron did something truly meaningful and long lasting for Bataan. There had to be an integrated environmental strategy for Bataan.

Malu began to network with the DENR and in one of her many phone calls, she talked to Adrian Ross of the UNDP, the United Nations Development Programme which has an office in the DENR compound. UNDP was then deep into conceptualization of the Manila Bay Environment project.

Partnership

One thing led to another and before long, Malu Erni and the Petron Foundation were deep into a landmark partnership, together with the business community, with the provincial government of Bataan and the UNDP-International Marine organization. In February 2001, a Memorandum of Agreement was signed among these three partners.

The objective of the partnership is to develop and implement the Bataan Integrated Coastal Management program, now called "Bigkis-Bataan." This is a long-term effort that hopes t achieve a happy balance between economic development and environmental management.

18 companies

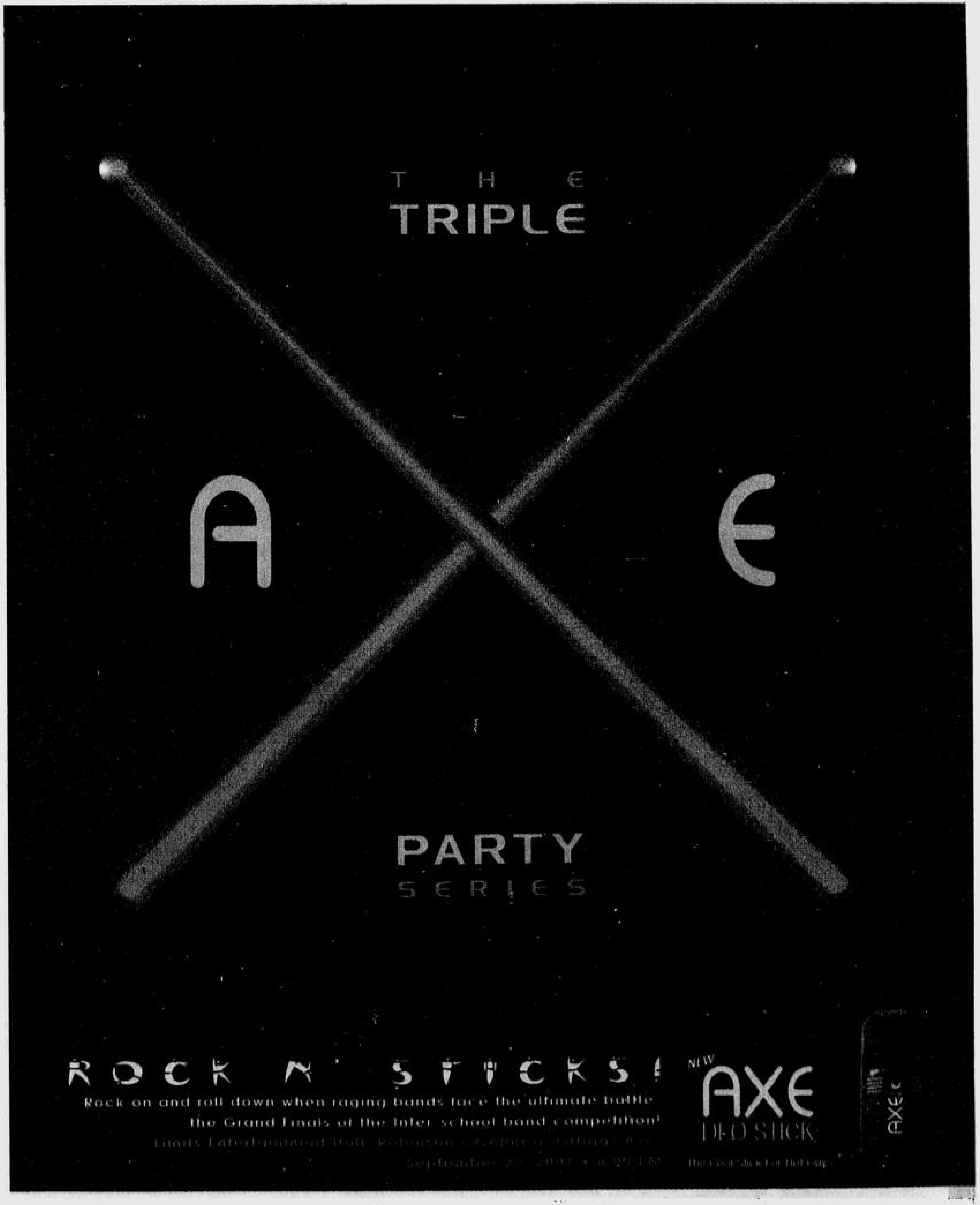
Out of all these events, the Bataan Coastal Care Foundation, Inc. (BCCFI) was born. The BCCFI has a membership of 18 companies in Bataan. Through the BCCFI Board, the business sector has successfully institutionalized its support to "Bigkis Bataan." Malu is also the head of the BCCFI and she signed the MOA as its representative.

What this tells us is that, truly, each of us has the power to start—and-to do—something that can spiral into a bigger, better thing. We should all get our acts together really, for a big push towards saving our environment.

Weekend photography series

On Sept. 22-23 Food photography 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Oct. 6 and 7 Portraiture photography. For information you may visit us at Mandy's Studio 1935 Dominga st. cor. Buendia ave., Makati City. Or call us at tel. no. 522-1901/ 522-1905.



Rock on and roll down when raging bands face the ultimate battle
the Grand Finals of the Inter school band competition!

New albums from GBWK, L.A. and Bea

By Edmund L. Sicam

WATCHING Gladys and the Boxers with K perform for the first time at a press con, we weren't surprised why the group has become the darling of the live entertainment circuit. Gladys Guevarra, Kakai Brosas and Daniel Lardizabal dazzled the hard-to-please show biz press with their mostly raunchy repertoire and irreverent impersonations of singers like Regine Velasquez, Jaya, Zsa Zsa Padilla and Malou Barry. This, at one in the afternoon which is an ungodly hour for night owls like the trio.

The occasion was the launch of their self-titled debut album. The 12-track CD contains mostly original compositions like the catchy carrier single "Ako'y Napapa-Uhh" which tries to get away with mild double entendre lyrics like "*Ako'y napapa-uh, ako'y napapa-ah, pag kapiling kita. Ako'y napapa-wow at napapasigaw, pag kapiling kita.*"

Other cuts include "Hulog," a literal translation of "Fallin'" "Sirang Plaka," "Galit Ako," "Kung Ayaw Mo Na," "Lovin' You," and "Papalitan Na Kita."

The group started out in sing-along bars, some of them at Music Box (that's where Boxers came from) while K is Kakai, who along with Gladys, is a regular on GMA's "Eat Bulaga." Gladys also comes out on "Biglang Sibol, Bayang Impasibol" and "Beh Buti Nga," also on GMA. Kakai, on the other hand, appears in the primetime soap opera "Ikaw Lang Ang Mamahalin."

BEA. Starting young.

LOPEZ. Interrupted career.

GBWK. Raunchy live performances.

They have regular evening shows at Soundstage on Tuesdays, Chatterbox West ave. on Wednesdays and Kampo West on Saturdays.

Like many performers, the three started at the bottom. Gladys was selling pork barbecue and peanuts in Olongapo in the early '90s when she decided to try her luck in the Big City. In 1996, she was plucked by a talent manager from a music bar near Quezon City Hall. This led to an audition for a singing group that Boy Abunda was forming.

Daniel started as a waiter in a Makati Hotel before he landed a hosting job at Music Box and passed Boy's auditions. Kakai, half American, was part of another singing group that regularly went abroad before she crossed paths with Gladys and Daniel.

They are now looking for a fourth member to have a more cohesive group.

Bea Michelle

Meanwhile, here's a singer who believes in starting young. Bea Michelle, who turned 14 only last month, has just come out with her first album from Galaxy Records. Her debut album contains 11 songs, most of them originals composed by Nonoy Tan, including the carrier single "Unang Pagkakataon" which deals with first love and the wonderful feeling that goes with it. The young singer admits she has not yet fallen in love but says she didn't find it hard to communicate the message of the song.

Bea, an only child, grew up in Olongapo City and comes from a musical family. Her grandpa and her aunts are singers while vice-governor Imelda Papin is a distant relative.

Both her parents are abroad so it was her *lola* who took care of her. Her mom and dad visit the Philippines once a year.

She started singing when she was seven years old and won several amateur contests. She is a first year high school student at the Cainta Catholic College.

L.A. Lopez

Like Bea, L.A. Lopez started singing when he was young. At seven, he had already recorded his first album "Bulinggit Rap." This, after placing second runner-up in "Eat Bulaga's" "That's My Boy" contest, appearing as a mainstay in the TV show "Bistek" with Herbert Bautista and getting an invitation from Comedy King Dolphy to join the movie version of the popular sitcom "John en Marsha."

Other movies ("Mongolian Barbecue," "Lucio at Miguel," "Bala at Lipistik" and TV assignments (host of "Eh Kasi Bata," co-host of "Teysi ng Tahanan") would keep him very busy.

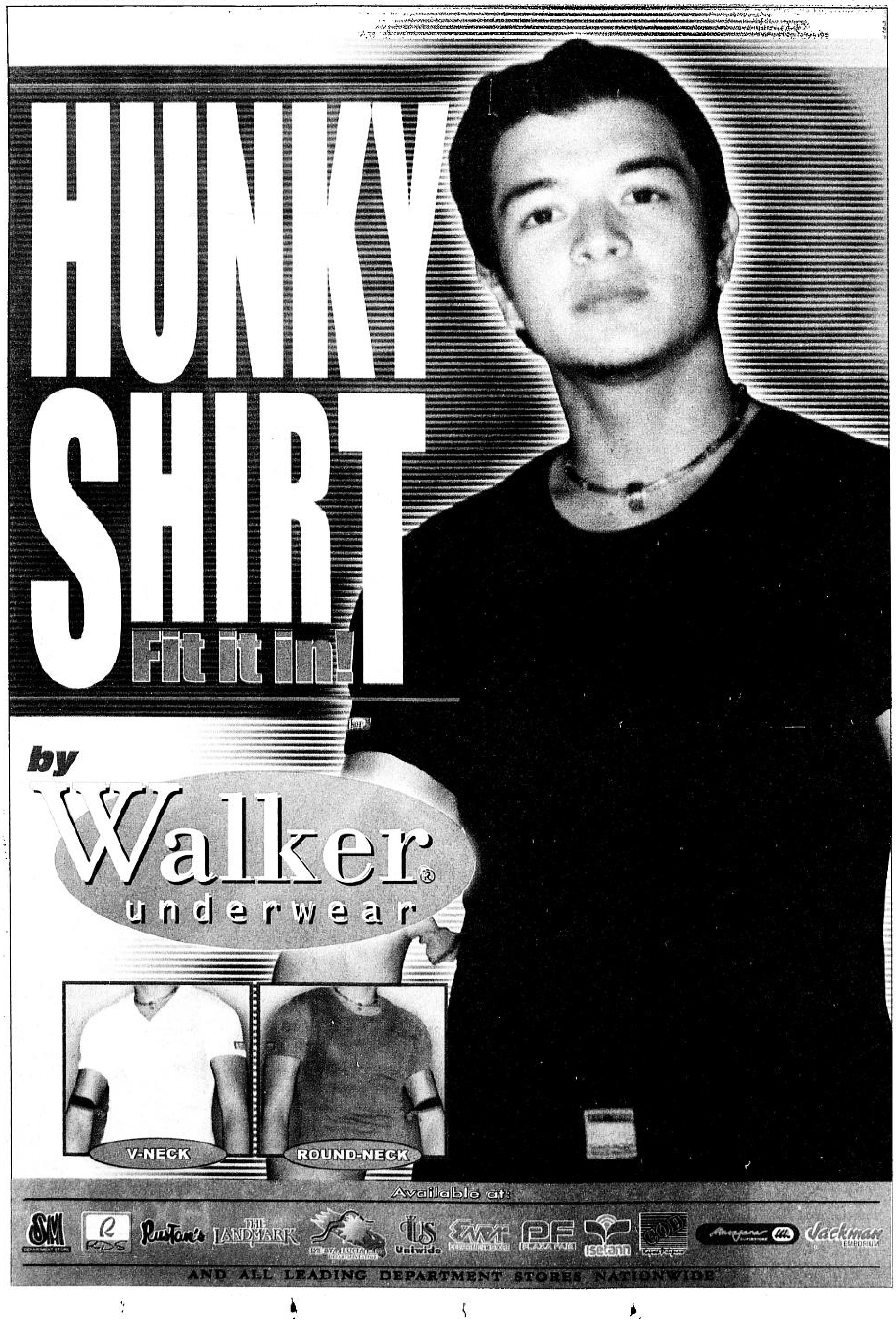
L.A. would record several more albums as his career as a child star flourished. In the middle of everything, his mom decided that his son was not leading a normal life anymore and decided that her son should devote more time to school and the family. His dad had also gotten very sick and passed away after a year.

Now 16, L.A. is ready to resume his interrupted career by releasing a new album "Yakap," which is also the carrier single. The lyrics are very apt: "*Ako ay nagbalik sa init ng 'yong yakap.*"

The teenager has done well academically and displayed a sharp mind when we spoke to him recently. He is also aware of what's going on in the country and can rattle off bits and pieces of information about different fields.

L.A. is scheduled to visit SM Cebu on Sept. 28 and SM Iloilo on Sept. 29 topromote his album.

All three CDs and cassettes are now available in music stores.



Metro Manila Filmfest 2001 entries listed

MORE than 40 films are vying for the final slots in this year's Metro Manila Film Festival. The following entries met the deadline set by the organizers:

Solar Films

Solar Films—"Lahi sa Lahi, Dugo sa Dugo" with Jeric Raval, Angelika de la Cruz and an all-star cast directed by William Mayo (action/drama); El Niño Films—"Hampaslupa" directed by Efren Piñon; MMG Films—"BRO (Kahit Saang Engwentro)with Eddie Garcia, Ronald Gan and Alma Concepcion (action-drama) directed by Roland Ledesma; Sunlight Films—"Talamak" with Ronald Gan Ledesma, Glydel Mercado (action) directed by Aldron Rich;

Teamwork Productions—"Bugnoy" with Cris Villanueva, Eula Valdez and Dennis Diaz (drama) directed by Gil Portes; Regal Entertainment—"Asa Ka Pa?" starring Judy Ann Santos, Cogie Domingo (romance-comedy) directed by Boots Plata; "Ano Bang Meron Ka? with Joyce Jimenez, Diether Ocampo (romance/drama) directed by Maryo J. de los Reyes: "Gabi-Gabi" Ara Mina, Aiza Seguerra (horror) directed by Mel Chionglo/Paul Daza/Roy Iglesias;

Good Harvest Productions

Good Harvest Productions—"Sukdulan" with Assunta de Rossi, Wendell Ramos (suspense) directed by Joel Lamangan; "Hesus Rebolusyonaryo" starring Mark Anthony Fernandez, Donita Rose (action) directed by Lav Diaz; "Ewan Ko Kung Ano" Eddie Garcia (action/comedy) directed by Jose Carreon; MAQ Films—"Yamashita" (adventure) directed by Chito Roño; "Sweethearts" starring Piolo Pascual, Joyce Jimenez (romance) directed by Maryo J. De los Reyes; "Malay Ko Sa 'Yo" with Ara Mina, Diether Ocampo (romance) directed by Ruel Bayani;

Manhattan Asia Films

Manhattan Asia Films—"Mga Batang Lansangan" with Joko Diaz, Mikey Arroyo (action-drama) directed by Jose Carreon; "Bagito" starring Angelu de Leon, Serena Dalrymple; JMCN Productions—"Breakwater" starring Yul Servo (drama) directed by Mario O'Hara; Hinabing Pangarap Inc.—"Batang Westside" with Joel Torre, Yul Servo, Gloria Diaz and Priscilla Almeda (drama) directed by Laurente Diaz; GMA Network Films—"Walang Hanggang Paalam" (tentative) (drama) directed by Joel Lamangan;

ATB-4—"Halik sa Aking Lupa" with Jeffrey Santos, Raffy Anido and Allona Amor (drama) directed by Jett C. Espiritu; "Sapagkat Kami ay Tao Lamang" with Gardo Versoza and Allona Amor (drama) directed by Angelito de Guzman; Star Cinema Productions—"Bagong Buwan" starring Cesar Montano, Amy Austria, Jericho Rosales (social drama) directed by Marilou Diaz Abaya; "Video King" starring Robin Padilla, Pops Fernandez (light romance/comedy) directed by Jerry Lopez Sineneng;"Got To Believe in Magic" with Rico Yan and Claudine Barretto (light romance) directed by Olivia Lamasan;

Viva Films

Viva Films—"Tatarin" starring Christopher de Leon, Jay Manalo, Dina Bonnevie and Rica Peralejo (drama) directed by Tikoy Aguiluz; No Title Yet—Bong Revilla and Rufa Mae Quinto (to be confirmed) directed by Joyce Bernal. (action-comedy). No Title Yet-Robin Padilla/Sharon Cuneta (to be confirmed) directed by Joyce Bernal (drama);

Neo Films—No Tittle Yet-Richard Gomez and Regine Velasquez (to be confirmed) directed by Yam Laranas (drama); "Weyt A Minit, Kapeng Mainit" with Janno Gibbs, Blakdyak, Geneva Cruz, Angela Velez (to be confirmed) directed by Ben Feleo (comedy); No Title Yet-Dingdong Dantes, Judy Ann Santos (drama) directed by Louie Ignacio; Jojo Films—"Walang Iwanan . . . Peksman" with Jinggoy Estrada, Judy Ann Santos directed by Toto Natividad (comedy-action);

Maverick Films

Maverick Films—"4 Fathers" with Bojo Molina, Gerald Madrid (comedy) directed by Boy Vinarao; Earth Moving Pictures—"Niños Inocentes" (tentative) with Bobby Andrews and Polo Ravales (drama) directed by Perez de Mendoza; FLT Films International—"Burles King" with Andrew E., Long Mejia, Janette McBride, Geneva Cruz (comedy/drama) directed by Ipe Pelino; "Pinoy Adventure" (Tabi-Tabi Part 2) directed by Jun Urbano (fantasy).

Gary V. updates 'Revive' album

MULTI-PLATINUM artist Gary Valenciano follows up on the success of his album entitled "Revive" under Universal Records.

Bonus VCD

Gary has just released an updated version of the album that spawned two hit songs: the remake of Steven Curtis Chapman's "I Will Be Here" and Todd Rundgren's "Love is the Answer." This version has the same line-up of songs but comes with an added bonus; a VCD containing the videos of "I Will Be Here" and his new single "Lupa."

The videos were directed by Boom Dayupay of Boom. It was Gary's first time to work with Boom, whose imaginative computer-generated videos for Kulay garnered several local and international awards.

Buyers of the new "Revive" album, which is approaching the double platinum status, will not just get the chance to listen to Gary's singing, but can also watch the videos because the VCD only comes with this "repackaged" album.

VALENCIANO. Nationwide tour.

Behind-the-scenes footage

There are even some special behind-the-scenes footage on the making of the "I Will Be Here" and "Lupa" videos.

"I Will Be Here" was nominated in this year's "MTV Pilipinas 2001" awards for the Best Male Artist category.

"This is a special package we pt together for Gary's fans," says Bella Dy Tan of Universal Records (www.universalrecords.com.ph), the company that co-produced the album together with Genesis and released some of the biggest recordings of Gary's career, such as "Moving Thoughts" (1998), "Shout for Joy" (1992) and his "Gary V: Interactive" (1998).

His "Greatest Hits" album has received a Quintuple Award for having sold over 200,000 units.

The launching of this "repackaged" album follows close on the heels of Gary's latest triumph at the 14th Aliw Awards for Performers where he was awarded Best Concert Act (male) for "Radical."

US tour

Gary also just returned from a successful US tour. His "Gary V: Radical Tour" hit seven US cities including Reno, San Diego, Sacramento, Houston, San Jose, Jacksonville, Florida and Chicago where Filipino-American dance diva Jocelyn Enriquez opened the show for him. Gary also took his "Gary V; Radical" tour to several major cities in the Philippines, such as Bacolod, Davao, and Dagupan where he played at SRO crowds.

Aside from "Lupa," other cuts in teh album are "The Warrior is a Child," "Hindi Kita Malilimutan," "People Need the Lord," "We Are the Reason" and "More Than Wonderful," a duet with CBN-Asia's 700 Club host, Tricia Amper-Jimenez.

While in Florida, he and his wife, were invited to dinner by international gospel singer Ron Kenoly and his wife, Tavita.

UP concert

This month and next, Gary resumes his national tour with performances at UP Diliman Theater on Oct. 2; De La Salle Gym in Bacolod City (Oct. 7) and University of Baguio, Baguio City (Oct. 20). He will visit places like Pampanga, Dumaguete, Iloilo, Cavite and Lucena. Gary will also do a special show on Sept. 28 at Valle Verde Country Club, sponsored by the Jubilee Evangelical Church, with Donita Rose as special guest.

He is scheduled to do a special concert at the Araneta Coliseum on Oct. 29, with Aiza Seguerra, Piolo Pascual, Carol Banawa, Karyll and Lani Misalucha.

Disney's
Winnie the Pooh
It's so much fun with Pooh
Pooh puzzle collection
MEMORY GAME
FLOOR PUZZLE
Match & Balloon game
Magic Board and Darts
Huggable Stuffed Toys
Cookery collection
Bath Towels
Checkered Hankies
Assorted Party Favors
©Disney

FREE
Pooh Friendship Badge
for every P200 purchase of Pooh items
Promo Period: Sept. 3-30, 2001

We've got it all for you! SM DEPARTMENT STORE At the Character Shop

Per DTI NCR Permit No.2808 Series of 2001

QUIAPO • MAKATI • CUBAO • HARRISON • NORTH EDSA • STA. MESA • ORTIGAS • LAS PINAS • BACOOR • FAIRVIEW • MANILA • PAMPANGA • ILOILO • CEBU

boursin
PHILADELPHIA
FORTANT DE FRANCE
CHARDONNAY
MERLOT
Vin de Pays d'Oc
1999

It was just too wonderful *that in such a place and at such a time, they could have* wine & cheese *as they pleased.*

"I know the place is really good, but wine and cheese there?"

"Kinda fancy and dandy, huh? But true. Very true."

"Red **Cabernet Sauvignon** and **Merlot**? **Chardonnay**?"

"Yup. And the Queen of Cheese, no less — **Brie**.

You might even want the sophisticatedly pungent **Blue** *cheese."*

"Oh, please tell me they have the **Boursin**!

I just love the aroma of garlic, herbs and pepper!"

"Even **cream cheese. Philadelphia,** *that is."*

"Oh, how intoxicatingly wonderful!"

Enjoy fine wine and a superb cheese selection only at Delifrance.

Délifrance
The pleasure of the moment.

GREENBELT MALL · ZETA Bldg. · PHILAM TOWER · PACIFIC STAR · ROCKWELL POWERPLANT MALL · ROBINSONS PLACE MANILA · SM CITY MANILA · QUINTIN PAREDES · UN AVENUE · SM CENTERPOINT ·
ROBINSONS GALLERIA · STARMALL · EASTWOOD CITY WALK · ALABANG TOWN CENTER · FESTIVAL MALL · SHELL SOUTH LUZON TOLLWAY · SM SUPERCENTER · NAIA TERMINAL II

The Corrs perform at the Big Dome Sept. 29 and 30

GOOD news for all the fans of the Corrs. Due to insistent public demand, the group has added another day to their Philippine stop. The Corrs will now perform for two nights at the Araneta Coliseum on Saturday, Sept. 29 and Sunday, Sept. 30, 2001 at 8:30 p.m.

Tickets are available at SM Ticketnet outlets. For those who already have tickets from their cancelled show, please be reminded that all tickets should be validated at the Ticketnet Main Box Office located at the Araneta Coliseum near the Red Gate. For inquiries, please call tel. nos. 911-5555, 893-0026 and 892-0884.

The Corrs are three sisters and one brother—vocalist Andrea, drummer Caroline, violinist Sharon and guitarist keyboard player Jim—who have come a long way from the upstairs bedroom in their parents' home in Dundalk on the Irish border where they first got together to play in 1991.

Big break

The big break for the Corrs came when Grammy-award winning producer David Foster gave them an audition in New York. Foster took personal charge of their first album, "Forgiven, Not Forgotten." The album, released in 1995, made them international stars, eventually going multi-platinum in six territories and gold in six more.

In 1996, they had their first world tour where they received the accolade "the hardest working band in the world."

Their latest album "In Blue" contains memorable songs like "Breathless," "Irresistible," "At Your Side" and the soulful "No More Cry."

"We've put our hearts and soul into this album and I hope the record speaks for itself," Jim says.

CORRS. "The hardest working band in the world."

LET'S FACE IT
FACIAL SALON
THE ONE-STOP FACIAL SALON
NOW OPEN!
3RD LEVEL, ALABANG ZAPOTE WING
(Adjacent to ACE HARDWARE)
TEL. NO.: 771-0448
FESTIVAL SUPERMALL
FILINVEST - ALABANG
20% OFF on SERVICES & PRODUCTS PLUS GIVE AWAYS!
ACCEPTS ALL MAJOR CREDIT CARDS
BRANCHES
• B.F. Homes Parañaque / 8253098
• ROBINSONS MANILA / 522-9261
• SM CITY FAIRVIEW / 9352875
• SM CITY PAMPANGA / (045) 9612150
• SM CITY NORTH EDSA /9203152
• SM CITY BACOOR / (046) 9706322
• SM SOUTHMALL / 8003291
• SM CITY MANILA / 5275806
• SM MEGAMALL / 6365539

Life is like texting.
You never know what you're gonna get.

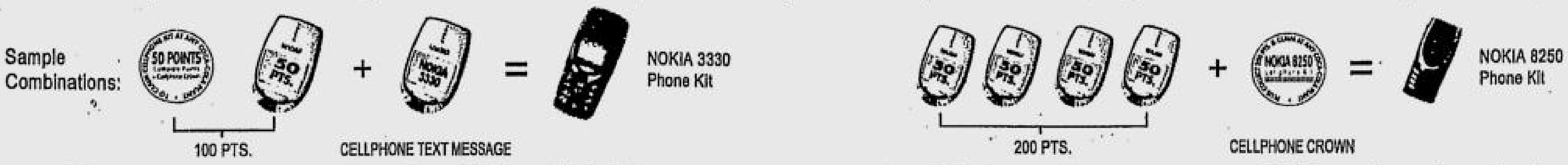
free Big Mac, McFLURRY & Sundae Cone at McDonald's
free 237mL (8oz) Slurpee at 7-Eleven
free Bit Bites at Goldilocks
free regular Criss Cut Fries at Carl's Jr.
free 355mL (12oz) Coca-Cola at Racks

Sagot ka ng Coca-Cola

Text "COKE SARAP" to 2340 ONLY THRU Globe HANDYPHONE

2 WAYS TO WIN!

1) You may win free Coca-Cola, cool treats or Globe Handyphone Prepaid Plus Call Cards instantly!
2) Collect points or cellphone text messages & combine with any Coca-Cola point or cellphone crown to get a FREE Globe Handyphone Prepaid Phone Kit!



• Claim your free Globe Handyphone Prepaid Phone Kit (cellphone + SIM Pack) at any Coca-Cola plant. • All messages sent to 2340 are charged standard InfoText Fees (P2.00 Postpaid/P2.50 Prepaid).

Collect Coca-Cola crowns for more chances to win!
Promo Period: Sept. 1 - Nov. 10, 2001. See posters for details.

flash it. get it.
7-ELEVEN
Buhay Pinoy, Kain Pinoy Sa Goldilocks
Carl's Jr. Serious. Delicious.
RACKS Best Ribs in Town
McDonald's
Sarap ng buhay Coca-Cola

Actual text messages not shown.
Only text messages from Globe Txt Pass 2340 will be honored.

"Coca-Cola", "Coke" & the design of the Contour Bottle are registered trademarks of The Coca-Cola Company.© 2001 The Coca-Cola Company.
Per DOH-BFAD No. 0505 Series of 2001

Treat of the Week

Nestlé
cream

Saturday S CIAL

Banana Smoothie

1-2 bananas (lacatan or bongolan)
1 tbsp. lemon or calamansi juice
1/2 cup ice cold water or
1 cup shaved ice
2 tbsps. sugar, or to taste
1 170g. can NESTLÉ CREAM

Purée bananas in blender. Blend in rest of ingredients. Shake vigorously. Pour into individual glasses.

Watch out for next week's fruity treat!

Nestlé
cream

Leelee Sobieski lands triple bill in movie theaters

By David Germain

TORONTO—Leelee Sobieski has joined the movie-of-the-month club.

The 19-year-old actress, who has played Joan of Arc and a latter-day Kubrick Lolita in her short career, is breaking out in a big way with the thrillers "The Glass House" and "Joy Ride" and the independent drama "My First Mister," all arriving in theaters just weeks apart.

The flurry of films—one in September, one in October and one in November—was just a coincidence, Sobieski said in an interview at the Toronto International Film Festival, where "Joy Ride" premiered.

"They were much more spread out when they were shot, and they just kind of appeared, boom, at the same time," said Sobieski.

She's a bit concerned about the over-exposure. "But on the other hand, I think it's kind of exciting that people are going to see me in all these different types of characters at the same time," she said.

Till now, Sobieski was best known for the title role of the television miniseries "Joan of Arc," which earned her an Emmy nomination, and a small part as a teen temptress in Stanley Kubrick's "Eyes Wide Shut." Her other film credits include the dramatic romance "Here on Earth," the comedy "Never Been Kissed," the asteroid flick "Deep Impact" and the literary drama "A Soldier's Daughter Never Cries."

LEELEE/p.D4

SOBIESKI. Just a coincidence.

FERSAL
APARTELLE
TOURIST INN

Fully Furnished * Clean * Nice Rooms
₱400 to ₱1,300.00
Disc. on Wkly / Mo. * 11th DAY FREE
Tel. No. 911-2161 • Fax (632) 913-6078

107 Neptune Street Makati City 1201 (Tel. (632) 897-9123 Fax (632) 897-9107	245 P. Tuazon Street Cubao, Quezon City Tel. (632) 912-8000 Fax (632) 913-6078	130 Kalayaan Avenue Diliman, Quezon City Tel. (632) 924-2689 Fax (632) 925-3205	49 Annapolis Street Cubao, Quezon City Tel. (632) 912-5852 Fax (632) 911-3418

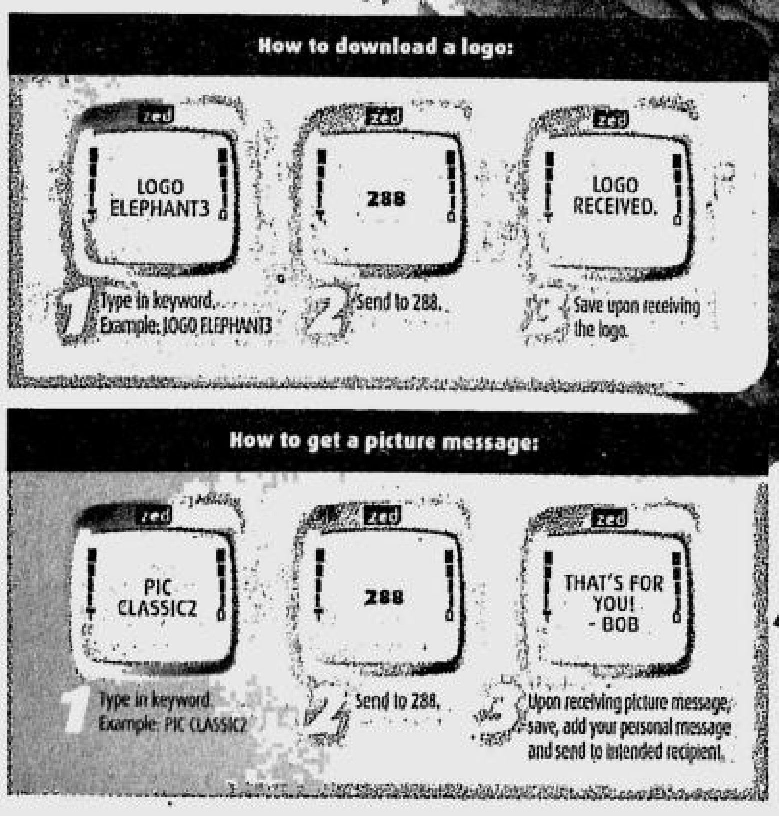
E-mail: fersal@skyinet.net

zed

zed is hatching these hot logos and picture messages.

Have a sunny-side up day with these fresh offerings from zed. And if you download them you could win fantastic prizes with **Get zed! Get loaded!** To register, type in **JOIN GETZ <name>/<address> and send to 288**. We think we've egged you on enough. Download from zed now!

Available exclusively to SMART Gold, SMART Buddy and Talk 'N Text subscribers using selected Nokia cell phones. ₱12.00 for every successful download. For keywords of other zed services; type in **KEYS** and send to 288.



How to download a logo:

1 Type in keyword. Example: LOGO ELEPHANT3
2 Send to 288.
3 Save upon receiving the logo.

How to get a picture message:

1 Type in keyword. Example: PIC CLASSIC2
2 Send to 288.
3 Upon receiving picture message, save, add your personal message and send to intended recipient.

TWO FOR THE SHOW

The legacy of Abba lives on in Broadway musical

By Mary Ann A. Bautista
and Ricky T. Gallardo

WE grew up in the glorious '70s when silver lame, platform shoes and bell-bottomed pants were the fad and the music of the Abba conjured the disco balls-filled-dance floors. Up to now, in almost all the clubs around the world, Abba's music never really faded into oblivion, and we still get to see the same reaction from the club-bers everytime the opening strains of "Dancing Queen" and "Waterloo" are played.

Now, almost two decades since Benny Andersson, Bjorn Ulvaeus, Agnetha Faltskog and Anni Frid Lynhgstad of the fab Swede swinging group broke up, Abba is back with a musical vengeance! So it shouldn't come as a surprise that Abba is back to relive its old glory, and the new hit musical is emerging to be the toast of the theatre world!

Having been certified as a rapturously received blockbuster in London, San Francisco, and Toronto, "Mamma Mia!" is emerging as the most awaited musical that is expected to bring back the glitter on the much-scarred Broadway circuit this fall. After the incomprehensible and senseless tragedies that struck New York City recently, we think that somehow, art and music can contribute to the difficult process of healing.

"Mamma Mia!" is the brainchild of producer Judy Craymer and writer Catherine Johnson who wove together the greatest hits of Abba into the tale of a girl who, at her wedding, gathered the three candidates who made it to the shortlist in her search for her dad.

We caught the show in a recent frenzied West Coast rendezvous and reckon that the music of Abba, whether it's a heart-warming love song or a jumpy dance tune, sounded as crispy and convivial as it should be.

Lito Lapid shuttles from show biz to politics

"It's all about time management," Gov. Lito Lapid of Pampanga told us recently when asked how he manages to have time to do movies with all the work he has to oversee. "And knowing what to prioritize is the key *para magawa mo ng maayos ang lahat.*"

Lapid is certainly talking from experience, as a politico from the central plains of this island, which has, in recent times, gotten accustomed to disasters, both man-made and natural in origin.

Lapid is aware that he doesn't have the privilege of acting in films as often as he wants to, because his vow of service to his constituents always take priority. "*Pero artista tayo kaya't babalik-balikan natin talaga ang pinagmulan, di ba?* One more thing, *mapa*-show biz *man o pulitika, dapat gampanan natin ang inaasahan sa abot ng ating makakaya.*"

He knows the dangers involved in his daring stunts when shooting a highly charged action sequence, like in his current starrer from Regal Films, "Bukas, Babaha ng Dugo," where he does a lot of high-risk scenes showing him fighting, chasing the villains, and doing stunt acrobatics. But Lapid looks at everything as part of work, something he enjoys doing, and something he finds fulfillment in.

Exceptional episode of 'I-Witness'

We have once more been witness to how Channel 7's "I-Witness" turns an interesting topic into a highly engrossing, extra stimulating and genuinely comprehensive episode. Take for instance their high-rating presentation last Monday titled "Baklita" (very young male homosexual).

Luchi Cruz-Valdes was outstanding in her interviews with the chosen subjects. She was sincerely protective of these children's emotions as she encouraged them to talk about their fears, plights and aspirations. Her concern for her subjects was real, as we saw how she was deeply moved by her subjects and she tried to delve deeper into their very private worlds of constant taunting and ridicule from a still very homophobic society.

We smiled as the boys blushingly described their "crushes," we felt for them when they recounted how unaccepted they are by their own fathers, and we hoped with them as they vowed to study hard and get rich someday so they can alleviate their families from poverty,

Our hearts specifically went out to Emmanuel who gave the most thorough and honest narrative of his young gay-let existence, as he described the many internal conflicts he has to undergo just to get a little respect from other people.

Congratulations! "I-Witness" for another job well done.

Brian Mc Knight shifts his musical style

Brian Mc Knight gives a soulful rendition of "Back at One" but he shows his adventurous side in his latest album, "Superhero." He is confident that music lovers will support him even if he deviates from his normal soulful, sensitive ballads.

"I'm a musician. I play a lot of different things. I wanted a record that will show the real me. I want people to see that I can be crazy and funny too," Brian enthuses.

When he was four years old, he listened to classical and gospel music. When he saw Nat King Cole perform, he wanted to sing just like Nat. When he listened to Stevie Wonder, he yearned to write good, beautiful love songs too. "Nothing can be brand new. I try to mix what I know, with my musical influences. There's nothing that I have done, that's not done by others before. Though I feel that I can reach as many people as I can with my music. People think I make records for the money, but composing for other musicians like Malik, makes me appreciate going back to the laboratory to compose. I have a God-given gift, and I think I should share it with other musicians," Brian gestures towards local recording artist, Malik.

Brian feels that his music should be progressive. He doesn't want to be pinned down to just one musical style. Brian cites Van Halen as a good rock musician. Nope, he doesn't see "Superhero" as an abrupt change to his style. He welcomes the shift and change. "The sound in "Superhero" has always been inside me. I know the audience is ready to hear me sing rock. I played bass (guitars) in a band so rock has always been close to my heart. My song, "Back at One" took me in this direction. The success of "Back at One" allows me the convenience of experimenting with rock."

He likes to score a whole film. But his ultimate dream is to direct, produce, score and star in his own movie. "My goal is to score a whole film. My goal is to be as good as Danny Oldman."

Brian believes that being authentic and real makes performing fulfilling and satisfying. "When you perform, people see what's real. They want to see real emotion. They're after sincerity. I want to record a song that can somehow sound the same when I play it live. I don't want to hear people say, "He doesn't sound like his records." I take that comment to heart and I practice everyday because I want to sound like my records," Brian shares.

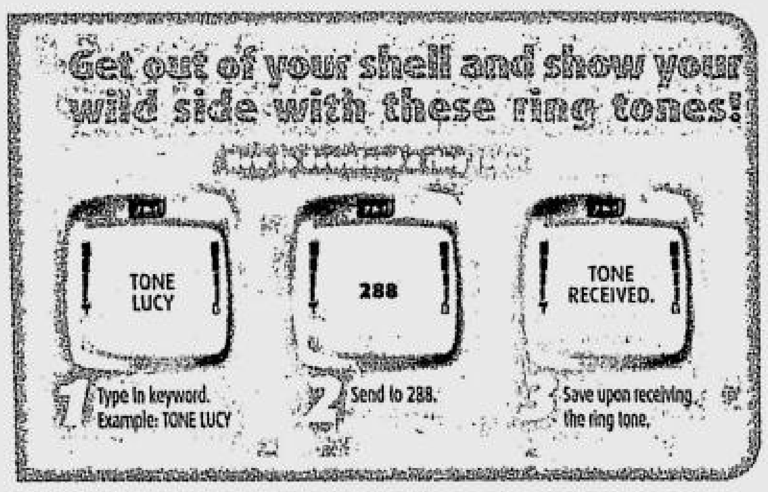
With each song, Brian tries to tell a story but he needs a good melody to do that. "I usually write the melody first. Before I write a song, I have to know what I want to say. Sometimes I listen to people when they talk, listening can trigger an idea. I remember it and then work on a melody around it," he says.

Aside from music, Brian values his privacy and family. "I've been married for 12 years. I try my best to have a normal life. During the summer, I play basketball with my son. I try to do normal things."

MC KNIGHT. Adventurous side.

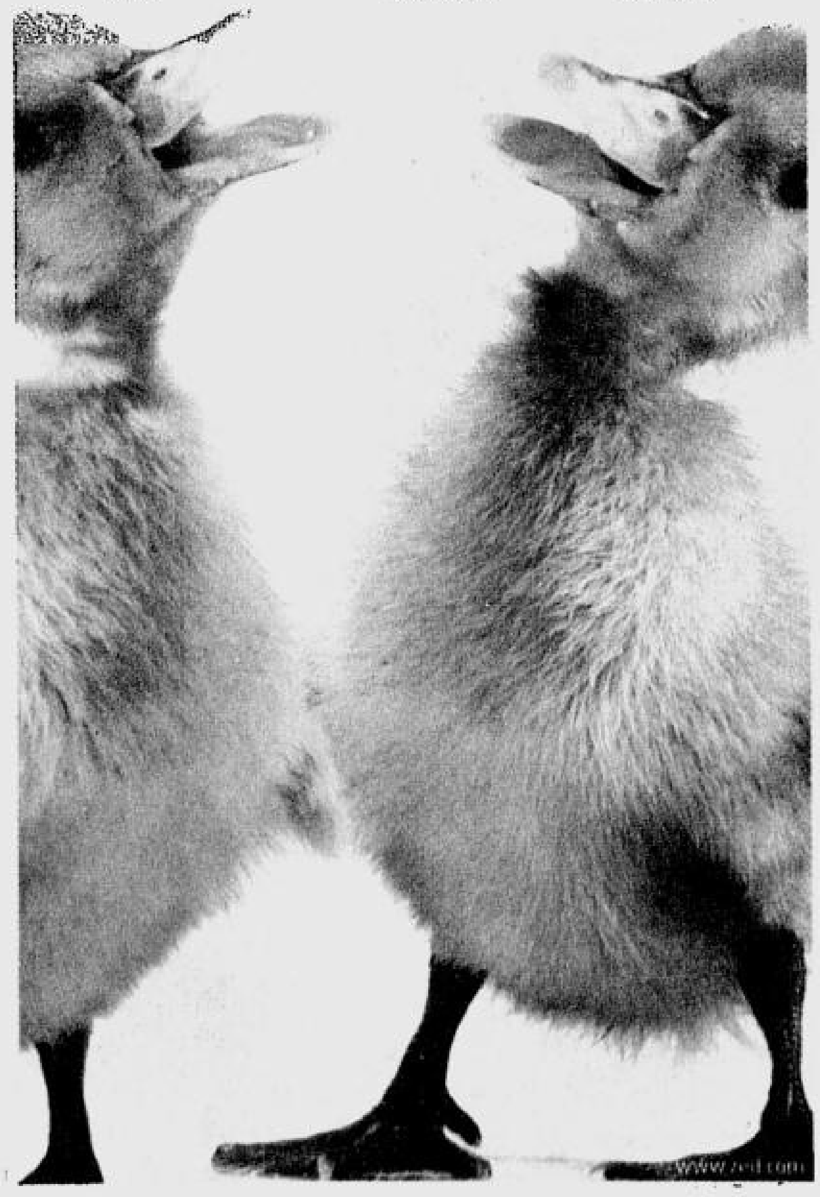
LAPID. Daring stunts.

After the recent New York tragedy, we think that art and music can help heal the wounds


Get out of your shell and show your wild side with these ring tones!

1 Type in keyword. Example: TONE LUCY
2 Send to 288.
3 Save upon receiving the ring tone.

TITLE	ARTIST	KEYWORD
Muppet Show Theme		TONE MUPPETS
Heartbreak Hotel	Elvis Presley	TONE HEARTHOT
Lucy In The Sky With Diamonds	Beatles	TONE LUCY
Yellow Submarine	Beatles	TONE YELLOWSUB
Sergeant Peppers Lonely Hearts Club Band	Beatles	TONE SERGEANT
Ob La Di, Ob La Da	Beatles	TONE OBLADI
Hard Day's Night	Beatles	TONE HARDDAYS
Baby You're A Rich Man	Beatles	TONE BABYRICH
All My Loving	Beatles	TONE ALLMYLOVN
Across The Universe	Beatles	TONE ACROSS
Can't Buy Me Love	Beatles	TONE CANTBUY
Day In The Life	Beatles	TONE DAYINLIFE
Day Tripper	Beatles	TONE DAYTRIP
Dear Prudence	Beatles	TONE DEARPRU
Eight Days A Week	Beatles	TONE EIGHTDAYS
Pagdating Ng Panahon	Aiza Seguerra	TONE PAGDATING
Mr. Kupido	Rachel Alejandro	TONE MRKUPIDO
Thank You	Dido	TONE THANKYOU
Clint Eastwood	Gorrilaz	TONE CLINTEAST
Sa Yahweh	Gary Valenciano	TONE SAYAHWEH
It Wasn't Me	Shaggy	TONE WASNTME
Butterfly	Crazy town	TONE BUTTERFLY
Lady Marmalade	Christina Aguilera	TONE MARMALADE
Hataw Na	Gary Valenciano	TONE HATAWNA
Row Row Row Your Boat		TONE ROWROW
Summer Lovin	Theme from "Grease"	TONE SUMMERLOVIN
Pano Kaya	Jessa Zaragoza	TONE PANOKYA
We Will Rock You	Queen	TONE ROCKYOU
Holiday	Madonna	TONE HOLIDAY
Carino	Jennifer Lopez	TONE CARINO



Dingdong resumes singing career

AVANZADO. Blessing in disguise.

By Edmund L. Sicam

DINGDONG Avanzado is back after a hiatus from showbiz with several projects lined up all the way to the first quarter of 2002. Right now, he is on the last leg of a bar tour to promote his latest album "Recall." He will be at the Virgin Café on Oct. 9 and Ratsky's on Oct. 23.

Ballad

Although Dingdong is best known for his ballads, he says that this bar tour will feature more lively songs. "For bar tours, people want upbeat numbers," he explains. "When you talk about bars *kasi*, you're talking about Hard Rock, you're talking about Nth Degree. You cannot come up with a repertoire of ballads. A bar tour is *talagang pang mabibilis*. But I will be singing some ballads also.

"I'm very excited to do the show! *Parang* there's so much energy waiting to be unleashed!" he shares eagerly. "And then 'Up Close' *iyung* title *ng* show, it's a chance to be intimate with the audience."

Since he was "forced" to take a break from politics (he ran for reelection in Quezon City and lost), Dingdong says he is raring to devote more time to show business. He says he has missed it very much. "*Sa* politics, *ginawa mo iyon kasi para kang nag*-community service, *nag*-volunteer *ka e. Gusto mong tumulong. E itong pagkanta, nag-e*-enjoy *kang kumanta e*. You really look for it. *Hindi ito mawawala.*"

Christmas album

Dingdong is looking forward to working with Star Records for their Various Artists Christmas album, due to come out this year. He was supposed to come out with a solo Christmas album, but decided against it because there was no more time. However, two of his songs will be included in the Star Records album, with his composition as the carrier single. "It's a song that I wrote about 10 years ago. *Nireserba ko talaga iyon.*"

He and his wife of six months are both busy working on their respective albums. "*Kami ni* Jessa *sabay*. She's doing one also. *Walang* joint album but we're gonna have a duet together." The song will be composed by Dingdong himself. A number of joint projects of the two are lined up as well. This November, Jessa has a concert in Music Museum, which will be directed by Dingdong. In February, the couple will stage a joint Valentine concert. They are eyeing a big venue like the Araneta Coliseum or Folk Arts Theater.

Testing the waters

Being gone from the concert scene for quite some time, Dingdong sees this bar tour as an opportunity for him to test the waters again. "*Parang ano iyan e, ensayo. Kung baga sa* basketball, *parang si* Michael Jordan, *di ba bago siya naglaro sa* NBA, *nag*-pick-up game *muna siya? Nag-e-ensayo. Ganoon din ginagawa ko. Para pagdating doon sa* actual, *hasang-hasa ka na ulit. Kasi iba rin iyung matagal kang hindi nakapag*-show."

Even though he is glad to be back in show business, Dingdong says that he will never leave politics. Dingdong comes from a family of politicians, so there's no escaping from it. His mom and dad are town mayors in the Visayas. "*Kaya*, they want *na nandoon pa rin ako, kahit papano, tumutulong sa kanila.*" But he still feels that his loss in the last elections was actually a blessing in disguise because now he has the time to attend to things that he finds important, like his marriage, his new home, and his first love, his singing career.

GREEN

IN BLACK & WHITE. INQUIRER is the ONLY Philippine newspaper to use 100% soy-based ink. Unlike petroleum-based inks, soy ink emits no toxic fumes, and makes recycling faster and easier. Together with award-winning environmental coverage and the use of recycled newsprint, it's another of INQUIRER's choices for the planet. The short-term cost is well worth the long-term benefits: less ink on your hands, less fumes in the air – and a paper where the only thing potent is the news.

INQUIRER
News that makes a difference.
www.inq7.net

RN51186

AM/FM

Requiem for lost dreams and misunderstood thoughts

BY RITO P. ASILO

OVER the weekend, we received an extraordinary variety of reactions from our readers for our "Terror in dreamland" piece last Saturday.

Format

We have been handling "AM/FM" since April of this year. If you have been following us, you would have known by now what our format is. It is about radio but it also contains commentaries about things that we hear on the air—good, bad, inspiring, depressing, funny, irritating, instructive, alarming. Obviously, "AM/FM" was not meant to editorialize or "ideologize," or we wouldn't be in the entertainment and lifestyle pages of this paper.

Requests

Normally, the mail that we get are ones requesting for artists that don't get much space in broadsheets, those whose songs are more popular on the airwaves than the artists who create them.

We also get occasional "thank you" notes from people we've never met but had written about, and for articles that our readers enjoyed. We get suggestions for future features, or a word or two about what we should do or shouldn't do. We enjoy doing "AM/FM," so we don't mind receiving comments, good or bad.

We feel sad, though, and maybe a bit miffed, when people misunderstand the content of these articles. Especially when they start insulting us.

Two e-mails we got came from different e-mail addresses but did not have names at the end of the letters. They had the same last line, "May God forgive you." Brave enough to insult us but not bold enough to identify themselves. It would have been better if they mentioned which part of my article they found inflammatory, insulting or misleading. But they just huffed and puffed and wrote one-liners of clues and defamation. That's very brave of you, guys!

For people who felt that we tried to make fun of the tragedy, we suggest that you read the article again. Was I insulting when I wrote, "If the world's most powerful country can't protect itself from such acts, how can we expect the US to safeguard world peace?"

Concerned

I thought the line sounded concerned. Surely, we weren't making fun of the tragedy when we wrote, "It was frightening to listen to stories of death and destruction, with descriptions ranging from conservative to insensitive." We were talking about what we heard on the radio.

, Which of the following sounded like it was *my* opinion?: "An announcer commented that the US would probably understand now how it feels to have calamities they couldn't do anything about."? "The stories we heard (on the radio)...painted a pretty bleak scenario: CDC on alert...for chemical biohazard; ...the Afghan Taliban and Bin Laden as primary suspects, etc."?

Filipino casualties

"Everyone (on these radio programs) wondered just how many Filipinos had been affected..."? Didn't it sound like we heard these things on the radio?

JAC1017 took us to task for allegedly misleading our readers because he said that the CDC was not on alert for these chemical biohazards and yet, last Wednesday morning, CNN Washington's David Ensor reported on the news network's series, "War Against Terror," that the CDC was indeed concerned that "the new war" would involve not only chemical but also biological weapons, the foremost concern being fatal strains of Anthrax (*B. anthracis*) and smallpox. And we thought all the while that our scientists had totally "eradicated" smallpox!

Expert

Ken Alibek, a biological weapons expert, said that a US laboratory (and another one in Russia, and possibly a third one elsewhere in the world) still keeps strains of the latter.

So, what was so misleading about the article? Surely, we could not have formed those stories ourselves, could we? Or maybe you should also put CNN to task for this?

Did we mean to insult when we wrote, "...you will always find Filipinos in every nook and cranny of the world"? I didn't think so. Were we making fun of the tragedy? Certainly not.

A certain Hansen Lee wrote PDI's Reader's Advocate and wanted to know just what we meant when we wrote, "But it was ironic that it had to take the explosion, and eventual collapse, of the twin towers of the WTC... for people to do something about how these terrorists care nothing for human lives..."

Plane hijacking

Well, Mr. Lee, if you have been following the news, the FBI admitted that two of the suspects in the plane hijacking were also suspects in the bombing of the World Trade Center a couple of years ago. Is it a simple case of *déjà vu*? If that wasn't reason enough for the FBI to monitor the activities of these two to avert the tragedy last week, we don't know what is.

We mourn the loss of lives, and the end of dreams of the Filipinos and other nationals who perished in last week's bombing. Did we insult America? No. Did we insult the Filipinos? It's not even logical if we did. Did we make fun of the whole situation? Read the article again and decide for yourself.

Due to extreme public demand another show has been added to the tour September 29, 8:30p.m., Saturday at the Araneta Coliseum.

NOKIA presents
the Corrs
Live In Manila
in cooperation with JAG

September 29 & 30, 2001
8:30pm

ARANETA COLISEUM

For ticket sales and reservation call SM TicketNet 911-5555 or 893-0026 • 892-0884

Also brought to you by: MEGA Continental
Special thanks to: NOKIA Strepsils Cravings E! MTV Warner Music Philippines
Participating radio stations: 89.9 Magic 94.7 DWRock 96.3 103.5 K-Lite

SM TicketNet CALL 911-5555

TOY WORLD
She's CHARMED & DANGEROUS
it's a tween thing
she's smart, she's strong, she's confident, she's trendy
Bendable Magnet Figures
Stuffed Key Chain Holders
Pose-able Stuffed Dolls (Small)
Pose-able Figures
Beanie Animals
Rubber Key Chains
Pose-able Key Chains
Pose-able Stuffed Dolls (Big)
Pillow Faces with Pouch
Stuffed Animals
SM
We've got it all for you! DEPARTMENT STORE
QUIAPO • MAKATI • CUBAO • HARRISON • NORTH EDSA • STA. MESA • ORTIGAS • LAS PIÑAS • BACOOR • FAIRVIEW • MANILA • PAMPANGA • ILOILO • CEBU

KC Montero takes two steps forward

By Ricky T. Gallardo

HE may not like the comparison, but KC Montero has definitely overtaken big brother Troy in the popularity ratings game. Almost two years after he won the local MTV VJ search, KC is proving that he can be good—and serious—at whatever he sets his mind into.

Cynical

We have to admit that we were a bit cynical when we first met KC that fateful night he tied with Belinda Panelo for the VJ Hunt top plum. We thought he was not warm enough to make a sincere connection with his audience, and felt that he was a bit half-hearted in whatever he was VJ-ing that night. But we never doubted his sweeping presence, specially his physical packaging which made us forgive his other feeble points.

But because everyone deserves a chance, we didn't resort to our usual high-batting-average pre-judgement on him. It was a slow start no doubt, as KC's manager-mentor Lyn Tamayo would concede, but the turtle-like pacing turned out to be strategies waiting to unravel and a lot of careful planning for both manager and artist, who are both reaping the fruits of their hard toil at present.

From February 2000, KC's segments in MTV quintupled and he now calls the shots for Jams, Lokal, Morning TV, Hanging Out and Be Seen on both cable and UHF channels.

Potentials

GMA 7 saw his potentials for television and immediately offered him a regular hosting stint in their Sunday noontime variety show, SOP. Along the way, the people around KC realized that he wasn't only a looker and a talker, but this 24-year old Amboy from Seattle also can carry some tunes.

So the doors of the concert circuit swung wide open for KC and he has since shared the stage with hotshot singers like Janno Gibbs, Regine Velasquez and Jaya Ramsey. Okay, you might say that these artists are also KC's co-hosts in SOP but if you've got nothing to show, they wouldn't dare risk their thrones to let you sing beside them.

And if you're not convinced yet, we'll let the cat out of the bag: KC will start recording his debut album soon, and mind you, it's not a rap album he's doing, contrary to forecasts made. " It's gonna be interesting, a lot of R and B, slow jazz and dancey tunes. Oh yeah, there'll be a little rapping here and hip-hoppin' there, but it'll be a fun album for sure. Very similar to the sound of Usher, " he enthuses. As to which label is releasing the album, KC says that it'll go to the higgest bidder.

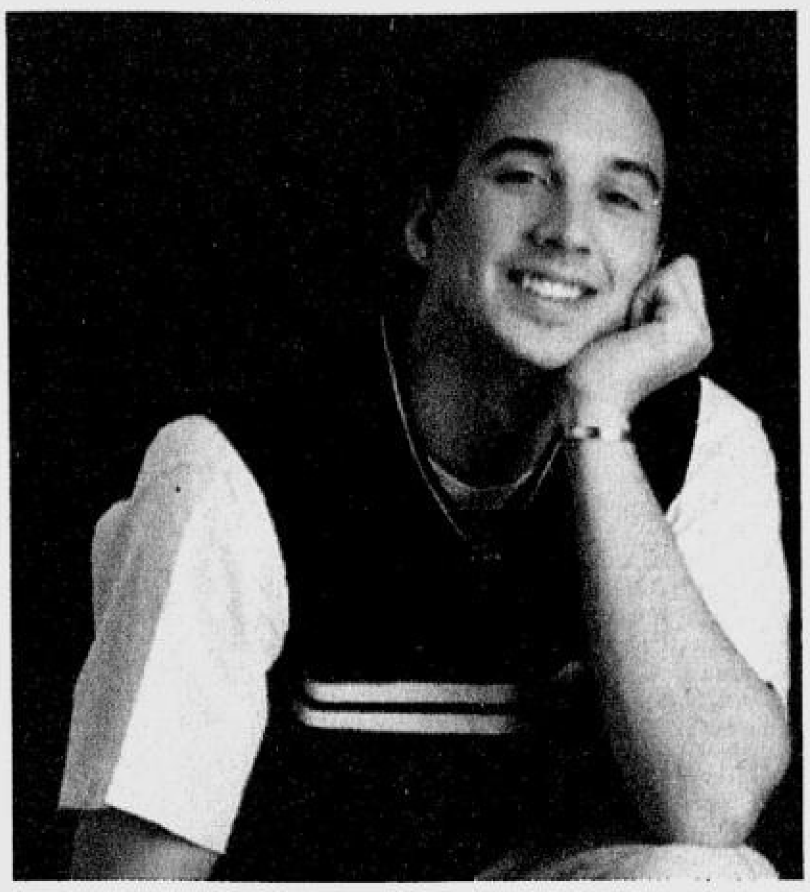
Distant

KC may initially appear distant and aloof but once he warms up to you, he won't stop. In fact, we strongly reckon that the little boy in him is still very much in play. "They say I can be funny, and I think I am because I can say the darndest things and do the most stupid stuff and still be able to laugh at myself," he tells us.

Maybe that's also how KC stays sane in this very unpredictable business.

Lately, KC has been besieged by a lot of intrigues and nasty talks, most of which have centered on his not-too-popular liaison with 'a celebrity who never really hit bigtime,' as one of KC's closest aides put it. Rumors have it that their alleged relationship is being 'ruled' by the domineering girl who goes into sudden fits of jealousy which cause KC a lot of unnecessary pressure that affects his zooming career.

But like the true gentleman that he is, KC has learned to just shrug these off his mega-broad shoulders by keeping mum. In this interview, KC would still turn evasive (but without being annoying) when the topic switched to love affairs, and we think he has truly mastered the art of self-control even when there were so many instances when making a comment would've been easier to shut-off the inquisitors.


MONTERO. Mastering the art of self-control.

Film project

We're proud that KC is taking another giant step by becoming a movie actor before the year ends. In fact, shooting has started for his very first feature film, where we will see KC tackling the role of a—not the usual *balikbayan* romantic lead, mind you—but a track and field coach who falls in love with a teacher, a role assigned to Judy Ann Santos.

'Will the tandem click?' we asked KC. "I guess this is more of a feel-good movie rather that one that sells a loveteam which almost always misleads the viewing public. In this movie titled "Asa Ka Pa," dot, dot, dot (...), we will be selling the story, the plots and the genuineness of the characters we play."

Even before the year is over, KC's hands are already full. Regardless whether MTV is already on the lookout for the next Pinoy VJ and never mind if show business has welcomed another KC (Concepcion) to its fold.

The more beautiful people there are, the better. And we mean beauty which not only shines, but grows on you. Like what both KCs have.

Promising movies on TV this week

By Nestor U. Torre

ON the HBO film channel, Saturday, Sept. 22 at 11:20 p.m., "Hero." A man rescues passengers from a crashed airliner, only to see someone also take the credit. Starring Dustin Hoffman, Andy Garcia and Geena Davis.

'Awakenings'

Sunday, Sept. 23 at 2:30 p.m., "Awakenings." Robin Williams plays a doctor who helps a comatose patient (Robert De Niro) to regain consciousness after 30 long years, only to lose it again in the end. Beautiful, heartbreaking and inspiring.

Monday, Sept. 24 at 9:15 a.m., "Erin Brockovich" with Julia Roberts and Albert Finney.

At 5:30 p.m., "Introducing Dorothy Dandridge: A True Story," an award-winning HBO original TV movie.

At 2:30 a.m., "Postcards from the Edge" with Meryl Streep and Shirley Maclaine.

At 4:15 a.m., "The Opposite of Sex" with Christina Ricci.

Tuesday, Sept. 25 at 7:45 p.m., "Matrix" with Keanu Reeves.

'Sex and the City'

At 10 p.m., "Sex and the City," Episode 46: "Frenemies." Carrie attempts to teach a seminar on how to meet men, but her students question her expertise. Miranda's first date with a man turns into a wake when he ends up dead. And Charlotte and Samantha have their first disagreement over their opposing sexual philosophies. Starring Sarah Jessica Parker, Kim Cattrall, Kristin Davis and Cynthia Nixon.

Wednesday, Sept. 26 at 5:30 p.m., "Dave." A double is found for an incapacitated US president, and he turns out to be more popular than the original chief executive.

At 7:15 p.m., "Apt Pupil."

AT 1:55 a.m., "Awakenings" with Robin Williams and Robert De Niro.

'The Opposite of Sex'

Friday, Sept. 28 at 9:45 a.m., "The Opposite of Sex" with Christina Ricci.

At 1:45 p.m., "Postcards from the Edge."

At 12:20 a.m., "The Two Jakes."

At 4 a.m., "Out of Sight." A bank robber breaks out of jail and shares a moment of mutual attraction with a female FBI agent he has kidnapped. With George Clooney, Jennifer Lopez and Ving Rhames.

Cinemax

Saturday, Sept. 22 at 12:20 a.m., "Taxi Driver" with Robert De Niro.

At 5:15 a.m., "Cinemas of the World: Welcome to Bollywood," on Indian movies.

Sunday, Sept. 23 at 3 p.m., "Celebrity profiles: Drew Barrymore."

'Dick'

Monday, Sept. 24 at 9 p.m., "Dick." Two girls wander away from their tour group while visiting the White House, and stumble upon one of Nixon's infamous top-secret document-shredding sessions. Starring Kirsten Dunst and Michelle Williams.

Tuesday, Sept. 25 at 5:45 p.m., "Mickey Blue Eyes." An art-house auctioneer finds himself getting in deeper and deeper with the mob after learning that his girlfriend is the daughter of a crime lord. Starring Hugh Grant, James Caan and Jeanne Tripplehorn.

At 9 p.m., "Fear." A psychic helps the police track down a serial killer, and discovers to her horror that the killer also possesses psychic powers. With Ally Sheedy, Lauren Hutton and Michael O'Keefe.

'Rebel Without a Cause'

At 4:15 a.m., "Rebel Without a Cause" with James Dean.

Wednesday, Sept. 26 at 10:45 p.m., "Mercy." A gritty thriller about a tough female detective who investigates the bizarre murders of some prominent women. She eventually discovers a secret society of wealthy, sexually experimental women. Starring Ellen Barkin, Julian Sands and Peta Wilson.

Thursday, Sept. 27 at 11:15 a.m., "The Green Mile" with Tom Hanks.

Friday, Sept. 28 at 8:15 a.m., "Blind Date." A workaholic executive tries to impress his superiors with his gorgeous-looking date, only to see things go horribly wrong when she gets drunk. With Bruce Willis and Kim Basinger.

At 11:30 a.m., East of Eden" with James Dean.

At 12:25 a.m., "Elizabeth."

Leelee Sobieski lands . . .

(From page D1)

Full name

Sobieski's full name is Liliane Rudabet Gloria Elsveta, representing, respectively, the names of her French grandmother, Iranian godmother, other grandmother and her mother's name translated into Polish. Her father is a painter and her mother a writer.

Sobieski, who just began her first semester at Brown University, was growing up in New York City with no aspirations to act when a casting director spotted her at the cafeteria of her private school and suggested the 11-year-old give it a try.

She met with the casting director's assistant, and "I was really, really terrible," Sobieski said. "I went home and thought, I'm really, really bad. But maybe I could take some acting classes. Maybe I'll be good. Who knows?"

Drama lessons

So she took drama lessons, went on auditions and quickly began landing TV roles. Sobieski made her feature-film debut in the Tim Allen comedy "Jungle 2 Jungle."

"I started making films, but I didn't really know if I liked it yet," Sobieski said. "It was just kind of, 'Yea! I get to travel and leave school and go away with my mom,' and it was just kind of fun.

"Then more and more you get bitten by the bug. You get infected. You just end up kind of loving it. It's such a different lifestyle. There's so much adrenaline. Things are always happening. It's always kind of organized chaos."

Fluent in French, Sobieski recently completed the French-language film "L'Idole" and just finished shooting the TV miniseries "Uprising," about the Jewish rebellion in the Warsaw Ghetto during World War II.

Black wig

In "My First Mister," which opened last winter's Sundance Film Festival, she dons a black wig to become a gloomy, Goth teen who develops an unusual friendship with her buttoned-down boss (Albert Brooks) at a clothing store.

Sobieski co-stars with Paul Walker and Steve Zahn as motorists terrorized by a murderous trucker seeking revenge for a CB-radio prank in the blackly humorous "Joy Ride."

With "The Glass House," she plays a teen-ager unraveling sinister doings by her guardians after her parents are killed in a car wreck.

"Glass House" director Daniel Sackheim said Sobieski has remarkable self-possession for an actress still in her teens.

"She's aged beyond her years," Sackheim said. "She's not particularly interested in money or fame for fame's sake.

Enticements

She makes her decisions on the work that interests her.

There's an awful lot to tempt young actors with, but she has her head so squarely on her shoulders that the usual enticements don't seem to carry much weight with her."

Sobieski plans to spend half the year in school and half working. Besides acting, she wants to indulge some other artistic passions.

"I love painting. It's my favorite thing to do. I really want to be a painter. I really want to be a director, too," she said. *AP*

David Benoit at CCP

RADO of Switzerland, Crossover 105.1 and the Cultural Center of the Philippines will soon stage the David Benoit with the Philippine Philharmonic Orchestra (PPO) concert dubbed "Jazz at the CCP" on Oct. 6 (Saturday, 8 p.m. at the CCP Main Theater.

Recently CCP chair Baltazar Endriga, CCP president Nestor Jardin, Mareco Broadcasting Corp.-Crossover 105.1 president and COO Louie Villar Jr., and Admix Inc. president and CEO Angelito Pagayon, representing Rado signed the memorandum of agreement for the event. With them were CCP OIC-marketing services div. Johnny Villagomez, Hyatt director for business development Carmela Bocanegra, Hyatt business development executive Alma Camalig, PPO consultant Zenas Lozada of the CCP, Crossover AVP for marketing Rochelle Villar-Santiago, CCP sales and marketing supervisor Jason Alvarez, Admix Inc. account and special events manager Marie Anne Bernardo, and Crossover corporate communications manager Robert Crespo.

"Jazz at the CCP" tickets are now available at the Ticketworld outlets and CCP box office. For inquiries, please call 891-5610; 891-5743; 832-3704; 832-1125 loc. 1409.

YOUR WEEKLY TV GUIDE FROM SEPT 22 - SEPT 28

CH	2	4	5	7	9	13	23	29	E! 31
SAT	5:30 Magandang Gabi, Bayan 7:00 Arriba, Arriba 8:00 Mary D' Potter 9:00 Da Pilya en Da Pilot 10:00 Keep on Dancing 11:00 "F" 11:30 Sports Unlimited 12:00 The Weekend News	6:00 Auto Review 6:30 Uncut 7:00 Saturday Primetime Special 9:00 The Bodyguards 10:00 Explore with Mike 11:00 National Network News 11:30 Auto Focus	6:00 Vanpires 6:30 Sailormoon Super S 7:00 Tropang Trumpo 8:00 Ispup 9:00 Saturday Night Specials *Gloria Estefan: Carribean Soul/Marc Anthony: Live From Madison Square* 11:00 Diagnosis Murder	5:30 Brigada Siete 7:00 Idol Ko Si Kap 8:00 Kakabakaba 9:00 GMA's Best 11:00 Master Showman Presents 12:30 GMA Network News 1:00 The 700 Club	6:00 Star Trek 7:00 Invisible Man 8:00 Martial Law 9:00 Saturday Night Playhouse 11:00 PGMA	6:00 Viva Premiere Night *Takot Ka Ba Sa Dilim?* 8:00 Who Wants To Be A Millionaire? 9:00 Kagat Ng Dilim 10:00 Now Showing *Devil's Own*	6:00 Digital Tour 6:30 G2 Living 7:30 Seventh Heaven 8:30 Gilmore Girls 9:30 Studio 23 Presents 12:30 MYX Sampler	3:00 Q Show Case 7:00 Xclusive Cinema Special 9:00 Oras ng Katotohanan 9:30 Armor of God 10:00 Oh Tokyo 11:00 Pinoy Wrestling	6:00 CBS Evening News 6:30 E! Coming Attractions 7:00 Celebrity Profile Noah Wyle 8:00 E! True Hollywood Story *Dallas* 10:00 David Letterman 11:00 Uncut *David Duchovny* 11:30 Extreme Close Up *Craig T. Nelson* 12:00 E! Coming Attractions
SUN	5:30 Sharon 7:00 Digimon 7:30 Wansapanataym 9:00 Pinoy Exposed 9:30 ABS-CBN Presents 11:30 The Weekend News	3:00 MBA 8:00 Street Legal 9:00 Sunday's Big Showdown 11:00 National Network News 11:30 Business & Leisure	6:00 Zorro 6:30 Guyferd 7:00 Sing-Galing 8:00 Wow Mali! 9:00 Eezy Dancing 10:00 Sunday Night Movies *Rocky V* 12:00 Sentinel	5:30 Partners Mel and Jay 7:00 Bitoy's World 7:30 GMA Telesine 9:30 Sunday Night Box Office 11:30 Che-Che Lazaro Presents 12:00 GMA Network News 12:30 Little Night of Music	6:00 Entertainment This Weekend 7:00 Ripley's Believe It or Not 8:00 It's A Miracle 8:30 Kids Say the Darndest Thing 9:00 Sunday's Big Event *To Gillian on her 37th Birthday* 11:00 Sunday Report 11:30 Ugnayan	4:00 PBA Game 1 7:30 PBA Game 2 8:30 Who Wants To Be A Millionaire? 9:30 Sinemaks 11:30 El Shaddai	6:00 Starship Troopers 6:30 Rugrats 7:00 Batman Beyond 7:30 Futurama 8:00 Bette 8:30 Spin City 9:00 Will & Grace 9:30 Jack & Jill 10:30 Digital Tour 11:00 News Central	5:00 Quartermaster Window Shop 7:00 Sunday Mini-Series 8:00 Oh Tokyo 9:00 Sunday Night Movies 11:00 Bikini Open	6:00 CBS Evening News 6:30 E! Coming Attractions 7:00 The True Hollywood Story *Three's Company* 9:00 The True Hollywood Story *Different Strokes* 11:00 The True Hollywood Story *Miami Vice* 12:00 E! Coming Attractions
MON	6:00 TV Patrol 7:00 Pangako sa 'Yo 7:30 Sa Dulo ng Walang Hanggan 8:00 Sa Puso Ko, Iingatan Ka 8:30 Camila 9:00 Home Along Da Riles 10:00 Kabalikat 11:00 Headlines 11:30 Correspondents	5:00 Metro TV 6:00 Value Vision 7:00 Sigaw 8:00 Tele-Dyaryo 10:00 The Working President 11:00 Speed	6:00 F 6:30 Mahha Go Go Go 7:00 The Big Night *The Beast II* 9:00 Life With Roger 9:30 Trabaho Lang 10:00 The Big News 10:30 High Tide 11:30 The Big News (Replay)	6:00 Saksi 6:30 Lupin III 7:00 DragonballZ 7:30 Ikaw Lang Ang Mamahalin 8:00 Monica Brava 8:30 Pinoy Blockbusters 10:15 Kiss Muna 11:00 Front Page. 11:30 I-Witness	5:30 Arangkada Xtra Balita 6:00 Sin Ti 6:30 Real TV 7:00 Becker 7:30 Arliss 8:00 World's Most Amazing Videos 9:00 The X-Files 10:00 Newswatch Now 10:30 Entertainment Tonight 11:00 Sex & The City	6:30 Viva Proudly Presents 8:30 Who Wants To Be A Millionaire? 9:30 Por Un Beso 10:00 Battle of Yokohama 11:00 Ronda Trese 11:30 Good Take	6:00 Beat UK 7:00 I Dream of Jeannie 7:30 The Nanny 8:00 Dawson's Creek 9:00 Charmed 10:00 News Central 10:30 Points of View 11:30 Twilight Zone 12:00 P. Rock Prof.	4:30 Quartermaster 6:30 Q Showcase 7:30 Oras ng Katotohanan 8:00 Q Showcase 9:00 Ang Dating Daan 10:00 Q Showcase	6:00 CBS Evening News 6:30 E! News Daily 7:00 In Focus *Inside "Mad About You"* 8:00 Mysteries and Scandals 8:30 Search Party 9:00 Fashion Emergency 9:30 E! News Daily 10:00 60 Minutes 11:00 Wild On *Bahamas*
TUE	6:00 TV Patrol 7:00 Pangako sa 'Yo 7:30 Sa Dulo ng Walang Hanggan 8:00 Sa Puso Ko, Iingatan Ka 8:30 Camila 9:00 Oka Tokat 10:00 Pwedeng-Pwede 11:00 Headlines 11:30 Mission X	5:00 Value Vision 6:00 Best of Sydney Olympics 8:00 Tele-Dyaryo 10:00 Pulsong Masa 11:00 Business Insights	6:00 Dragon League 6:30 2 Years Vacation w/ Dinosaurs 7:00 ABC Action Theater *Phoenix* 9:00 That '70s Show 9:30 Urban Doktor 10:00 The Big News 10:30 FX The Series 11:30 The Big News (Replay)	6:00 Saksi 6:30 Lupin III 7:00 Dragonball Z 7:30 Ikaw Lang Ang Mamahalin 8:00 Monica Brava 8:30 Kool Ka Lang 9:45 Kasangga 11:00 Front Page 11:30 The Probe Team	5:30 Arangkada Xtra Balita 6:00 Sin Ti 6:30 Real TV 7:00 Ed 8:00 Ally McBeal 9:00 The Practice 10:00 Newswatch Now 10:30 Entertainment Tonight 11:00 The Extremist 11:30 Ngayon Na Pinoy	6:30 Viva Action Cinema 8:30 Who Wants To Be A Millionaire? 9:30 Por Un Beso 10:00 Dear Heart 11:00 Ronda Trese 11:30 Good Take	6:00 Later with Jools Holland 7:00 The Three Stooges 7:30 Popular 8:30 The Others 9:30 Mad About You 10:00 News Central 10:30 Oprah 11:30 Zine 12:00 MYX Sampler	4:30 Quartermaster 6:30 Q Showcase 7:30 Oras ng Katotohanan 8:00 Ang Dating Daan (Live)	6:00 CBS Evening News 6:30 E! News Daily 7:00 Celebrity Profile 8:00 E! True Hollywood Story 9:00 Celebrity Homes 9:30 E! News Daily 10:00 David Letterman 11:00 Uncut 11:30 Extreme Close Up *Delia Reeves*
WED	6:00 TV Patrol 7:00 Pangako sa 'Yo 7:30 Sa Dulo ng Walang Hanggan 8:00 Sa Puso Ko, Iingatan Ka 8:30 Camila 9:00 Whattamen 9:30 Your Honor 11:00 Headlines 11:30 Isyu 101	4:00 MBA 8:00 Tele-Dyaryo 10:00 Paco Park Presents 11:00 Diyos At Bayan	6:00 Pygmalio 6:30 Time Quest 7:00 Planet X 7:30 Sabrina The Teenage Witch 8:00 Chicago Sons 8:30 Friends 9:00 E.R. 10:00 The Big News 10:30 Phils.' Most Wanted 11:30 Police Academy	6:00 Saksi 6:30 Lupin III 7:00 DragonBall Z 7:30 Ikaw Lang Ang Mamahalin 8:00 Monica Brava 8:30 Beh Bote Nga 9:45 Larawan 11:00 Front Page 11:30 Imbestigador	5:30 Arangkada Xtra Balita 6:00 Sin Ti 6:30 Real TV 7:00 Level 9 8:00 Roswell 9:00 Bully the Vampire Slayer 10:00 Newswatch Now 11:10 Wrestling 11:30 Kasangga Mo Ay Langit	5:00 PBA Game 1 7:30 PBA Game 2 9:30 Por Un Beso 10:00 Blow By Blow 11:00 Ronda Trese 11:30 Good Take	7:00 Twilight Zone 7:30 Scariest Places 8:30 West Wing 9:30 Gameplan 10:00 News Central 10:30 Oprah 11:30 The Explorer 12:00 Soundcheck	4:30 Quartermaster 6:30 Q Showcase 7:30 Oras ng Katotohanan 8:00 Q Showcase 9:00 Ang Dating Daan 10:00 Q Showcase	6:00 CBS Evening News 6:30 E! News Daily 7:00 In Focus *Dharma & Greg* 8:00 Mysteries and Scandals 8:30 Search Party 9:00 Fashion Emergency 9:30 E! News Daily 10:00 David Letterman 11:30 Wild On *Mardi Gras* 12:00 Talk Soup
THU	6:00 TV Patrol 7:00 Pangako sa 'Yo 7:30 Sa Dulo ng Walang Hanggan 8:00 Sa Puso Ko, Iingatan Ka 8:30 Camila 9:00 Altagirl 9:30 Maalaala Mo Kaya 11:00 Headlines 11:30 Pipol	4:00 Shop @ Home 5:00 Value Vision 6:00 Best Of Sydney Olympics 8:00 Tele-Dyaryo 10:00 Concert At The Park 11:00 Fora Medica	6:00 Shulato 6:30 Fancy Lala 7:00 Guinness World Records 8:00 Soldier of Fortune 9:00 Normal Ohio 9:30 The Exchange 10:00 The Big News 10:30 Strangers 11:00 New York Undercover	6:00 Saksi 6:30 Lupin III 7:00 Dragonball Z 7:30 Ikaw Lang Ang Mamahalin 8:00 Monica Brava 8:30 Daddy Di Do Du 9:35 Sinerama 11:00 Front Page 11:30 Debate with Mare at Pare	5:30 Arangkada Xtra Balita 6:00 Sin Ti 6:30 Real TV 7:00 Clueless 8:00 Felicity 9:00 Once and Again 10:00 Newswatch Now 10:30 The Basketball Show 11:30 Souvenirs of the 20th century	6:30 TeleViva Specials 8:30 Who Wants To Be A Millionaire? 9:30 Por Un Beso 10:00 Gags Must Be Crazy 11:00 Ronda Trese 11:30 Good Take	5:00 UAAP Season 64 7:00 The Green Hornet 7:30 Cineplex 23 9:30 Guide to Urban Living 10:00 News Central 10:30 Oprah 11:30 Travel Time 12:00 MYX Sampler	4:30 Quartermaster 6:30 Q Showcase 7:30 Oras ng Katotohanan 8:00 Q Showcase 9:00 Ang Dating Daan 10:00 Q Showcase	6:00 CBS Evening News 6:30 E! News Daily 7:00 Celebrity Profile *Melissa Gilbert* 8:00 E! True Hollywood Story *C.H.I.P.S.* 9:00 Celebrity Homes 9:30 E! News Daily 10:00 David Letterman 10:30 Uncut 11:30 Extreme Close Up
FRI	6:00 TV Patrol 7:00 Pangako sa 'Yo 7:30 Sa Dulo ng Walang Hanggan 8:00 Sa Puso Ko, Iingatan Ka 8:30 Camila 9:00 Star Cinema Presents 11:00 Headlines 11:30 True Crime 12:30 Martin Late@Nite	4:00 MBA 8:00 Tele-Dyaryo 10:00 Patrol 117 11:00 Unlimited Diving	6:00 Lazenca 6:30 Restol 7:00 By Request *Five* 8:00 Touched By an Angel 9:00 Working 9:30 On-Air 10:00 The Big News 10:30 Friday Box Office *Mad Dog and Glory*	6:00 Saksi 6:30 Lupin III 7:00 DragonBall Z 7:30 Ikaw Lang Ang Mamahalin 8:00 Monica Brava 8:30 Pokemon 9:00 Bubble Gang 10:15 GMA Love Stories 11:00 Front Page	5:30 Arangkada Xtra Balita 6:00 Sin Ti 6:30 Real TV 7:00 That's Life 8:00 Dharma & Greg 8:30 Nikki 9:00 City of Angels 10:00 Newswatch Now 10:30 TV Greats on Friday *Malice*	5:00 PBA Game 1 7:30 PBA Game 2 9:30 Por Un Beso 10:00 Battle of Yokohama 11:00 Ronda Trese 11:30 Last Fool Show	6:00 Halo-Halo 7:00 Batman 7:30 Baywatch 8:30 Mortal Combat 9:30 Hidden Camera 10:00 News Central 10:30 Oprah 11:30 Nightman 12:30 MYX Sampler	4:30 Quartermaster 6:30 Q Showcase 7:30 Oras ng Katotohanan 8:00 Ang Dating Daan (Live)	6:00 CBS Evening News 6:30 E! News Daily 7:00 In Focus 8:00 Mysteries & Scandals 8:30 Search Party 9:00 Fashion Emergency 9:30 E! News Daily 10:00 David Letterman 10:30 Wild On *Mexican Riviera*

DVD format helps average moviegoers become film experts

By Anthony Breznican

LOS ANGELES—Movies alone no longer suffice for some movie fans—devout cinephiles want to know:

- What was it like on the set?
- How were the special effects created?
- Which scenes were cut? And why?
- How did the public respond when the film debuted?
- What do the filmmakers have to say about the movie?

Supplemental information

DVD, the burgeoning home video format that fits hours of supplemental information and behind-the-scenes footage on one tiny disc, can supply the answer to all those questions.

"A good DVD is like film school in a box," said 29-year-old film lover Richard Kaponas, who has collected nearly 300 films in the format.

DVD sales and rentals more than doubled from $1.6 billion in 1999 to $4.1 billion last year, according to Adams Media Research, which tracks the home video market. By the end of 2001, the market is projected to double again to $8.5 billion.

VHS revenues fall

Meanwhile, VHS rental and sales revenue fell from $17.7 billion in 1999 to $16.9 billion in 2000 and is expected to drop to $14.7 billion this year.

The superior images, myriad behind-the-scenes documentaries, collections of deleted scenes and audio commentaries from critics and filmmakers are changing the way audiences watch films. (Most DVDs range in price from $14 to $30—often depending on the number of extras.)

"It's turning everyone into an expert," said Kaponas of Burbank. "The average person who watches DVDs has a little more appreciation for the films they love and a better handle on how to criticize the films they don't like so much."

Extra features

Troy Sutton, who has 400 DVDs in his collection, thinks people shouldn't check out the extra features before seeing the movie.

"I think that would ruin the experience," said Sutton, 35, of Portland, Oregon "But once I've already seen the movie, that stuff is just going to enhance my overall impression of it."

Filmmakers have been some of the strongest supporters of the DVD format.

Scenes they reluctantly cut resurface on DVDs, while the multiple audio layers that fit on the discs enable cast and crew to record discussions that can play during the movie.

Commentary

These commentary tracks frequently resurrect forgotten details and anecdotes from Hollywood lore.

"Later, when Krypton explodes, don't forget to mention the burning tennis balls," writer Tom Mankiewicz said to director Richard Donner as they discussed the special effects for 1978's "Superman: The Movie."

In the DVD for "The Conversation," writer-director Francis Ford Coppola offered his solution to an enduring mystery from the 1974 thriller: Where is the hidden recording device that frantic amateur musician Gene Hackman could never find?

"The possibility may be," Coppola said, "that it's in that little saxophone (strap) that hangs around his neck."

COPPOLA. Solution to an enduring mystery in "The Conversation."

Deborah Oppenheimer, producer of the Holocaust documentary "Into the Arms of Strangers: Stories of the Kindertransport," used her commentary track to talk about her late mother, who was rescued by the trains carrying Jewish children away from Nazi territory.

Survivor reunions

The DVD format also gave her a chance to document survivor reunions that occurred after the film was released and salvage stories that never made the final cut.

For instance, Norbert Wollheim, 85 and only weeks away from death, wanted the filmmaker to immortalize his story about an 18-year-old Jew he saved in the child transport despite the boy's adult status.

However, the long tale was cut from the film because it couldn't be illustrated. There was room on the DVD.

"This was a story that we were all in love with and were all really sorry to lose," she said. "Now we've found a place for it."

But what doesn't make it onto the discs?

Some filmmakers are uncomfortable with showing too much of the filmmaking process and prefer that their films stand alone.

Clint Eastwood, for example, refuses to do audio commentary on his movies, and Stanley Kubrick was known for ordering aides to burn negatives of cut scenes so they would never resurface.

Mistakes

"Some directors feel the film they put out in the theaters was the film they wanted," said Paul Hemstreet, an executive at Warner Home Video. "The deleted scenes are sort of their mistakes, and they don't want people to see that."

And something studios might not want people to see are controversies connected to the film.

Warner's DVD of last year's thriller "Proof of Life" never mentioned the romance between stars Meg Ryan and Russell Crowe that led to her messy public divorce.

"There's a big difference between a DVD and a news expose," Hemstreet said. "Maybe the public is interested in it, but . . . we have to respect the integrity of the actors and whether or not they want to have that aired on the disc."

'Citizen Kane'

The studio's upcoming DVD release of "Citizen Kane," however tackles head-on some of the ugly history behind the film: newspaper tycoon William Randolph Hearst's vendetta against Orson Welles, who based the 1941 movie on Hearst's life.

"If that was going on currently and 'Citizen Kane' was a new release, you probably wouldn't see much about it on the DVD," Hemstreet acknowledged. "With time comes, some distance from those issues that enables you to go back and talk about them."

Possibly the greatest battle in the DVD marketplace as its popularity rises is the debate over widescreen vs. formatted versions of films.

Widescreen editions

Widescreen editions feature the entire rectangular frame of the movie as it was originally viewed. But black bars take up the empty space at the tops and bottoms of square television screens.

Film buffs prefer this version, but most mainstream audiences are annoyed by the black bars and prefer the formatted version, which crops off the sides of the movie so it covers the entire TV screen.

'Vanilla editions'

Viewers also complain about "vanilla editions"—DVDs that have almost no extra features.

"People want to see the film in context. It's important to establish what the culture was like when the film was released," said Jeffrey Schwarz, who produced the recent DVD for "The Silence of the Lambs."

Overall, studios have viewed DVDs as a chance to refresh older movies.

Decades-old vault titles such as "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs," "The French Connection" and "Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory" are resurfacing in glossy new restorations.

Extensive DVD treatment can range in cost from $40,000 to $250,000—depending on how many extra features appear on the disc.

Bonus footage

Hooking a viewer with enticing bonus footage can be the key to draw viewers back to films they've seen many times before.

For instance, 20th Century Fox plans to assemble extensive bonus documentaries about the elaborate car chase in 1971's "The French Connection"—a dangerous stunt that was filmed in real New York City traffic.

"This film redefined the genre of action films and really represented a type of guerrilla filmmaking that isn't really present anymore," said Fox marketing executive Peter Staddon.

Little-known details

Fox is counting on those kinds of little-known details to spark renewed interest in such films.

For instance, the DVD release of "Cleopatra"—which cost a then-record $44 million in 1963 (about $245 million today)—was boosted by a documentary about how the film that starred Elizabeth Taylor nearly bankrupted the studio, Staddon said.

"It uncovered the film warts and all. Audiences saw this was a historically important film—not necessarily because of the film itself or the performances—but because of the impact it had on Hollywood history," he said.

Meanwhile, Disney is using its rerelease of "Snow White" to highlight the influence the film had on its creator, Walt Disney, and the empire he formed.

They're not just selling "Snow White," but selling Walt Disney Co. itself. *AP*

Mena Suvari tries to live a normal life

By Samantha Critchell

NEW YORK—In the new film "The Musketeer," Mena Suvari lives the life of a fairy-tale princess.

In this retelling of Alexandre Dumas' classic "The Three Musketeers," Suvari plays an orphaned girl who is swept off her feet by the heroic D'Artagnan, played by Justin Chambers.

Tim Roth, the villain, then snatches her and she must be rescued from the tower of a 17th-century castle where she is the bait to lure the hero for the final showdown.

Rapunzel

"I'm almost like Rapunzel who lets her hair down for the prince to save her," says Suvari with a laugh and shaking her golden locks.

But the 22-year-old star of "American Beauty" and the "American Pie" movies says she's no princess.

"I try to live a normal life. I'm not normal because I work in this business and I'm recognized, which isn't normal. But I'm not a big diva. I still love what I've always loved: We cook, we buy fresh vegetables at the market, we have dinner parties, we go hiking if we can."

Two-year marriage

The other half of Suvari's "we" is her husband, Robert Brinkmann. She gushes about him like a newlywed, which she is, having been married less than two years. The couple met on the set of the cheerleading-caper film "Sugar & Spice." Suvari was the star, he was the cinematographer.

They live in the 1920s Spanish-style home in Los Angeles that was Brinkmann's bachelor pad. It's very old-Hollywood glamorous, she says.

But Suvari added one feminine touch: "I brought my enormous wardrobe."

Are you a shopaholic?

Shopping is my one vice. I don't drink, I don't smoke . . . I can shop.

Different phases

What do you buy?

I have a lot of shoes. I collect Pucci. I'm all about 'I see it, I like it, I buy it.' I go through different phases all the time. Lately I've been buying a lot of black and pumps. I wear heels a lot—my poor feet. Basically I'm a clothes shopper but I can shop for anything.

Did you like wearing the period costumes in "The Musketeer?"

I love period films because the costumes are so amazing . . . Raymond Hughes (the costume designer) had me wear a real corset because he had to have the real thing. My character was middle-class but her mother was the seamstress to the queen and I really looked that part. Everything made sense. The costumes really help a lot to get into your character.

Youth-obsessed Hollywood

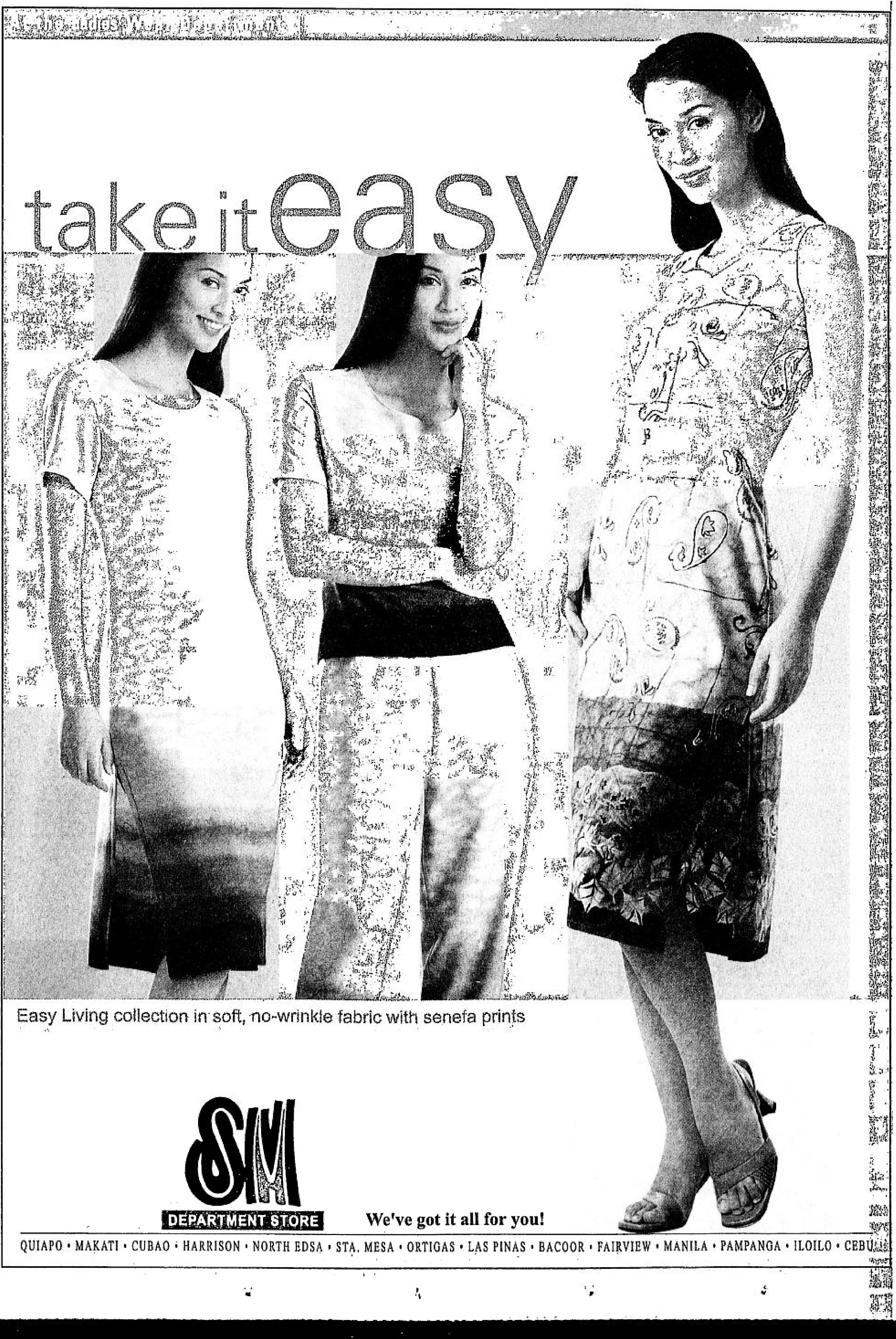
Many older leading ladies complain it's hard to find good roles in youth-obsessed Hollywood. How is it for a younger leading lady?

It's a good time right now because there are so many younger-geared films, but it's also hard for me because I don't want to be just the pretty girl in high school. I want something meatier and that's hard to find . . . 'American Beauty' was an exception.

Were you the pretty girl in high school?

No, but I don't hold any grudges. *AP*

SUVARI. Shopping is her one vice.



Easy Living collection in soft, no-wrinkle fabric with senefa prints

SM
DEPARTMENT STORE
We've got it all for you!
QUIAPO • MAKATI • CUBAO • HARRISON • NORTH EDSA • STA. MESA • ORTIGAS • LAS PINAS • BACOOR • FAIRVIEW • MANILA • PAMPANGA • ILOILO • CEBU

'Rent' is back in Manila after Singapore run

BY GLORIA P. SICAM

"RENT" opens on Oct. 5.

I THINK Bituin Escalante said it best in her prayer the other day... "We all just fell in love with each other..." Hey, you do a play this intense three times, it's a choice between falling in love and "GET OUTTA MY FACE!" Miraculously enough, the words of Jonathan Larson got through to us somehow and we remember what I think most of our audience remembers, above the same-sex kissing and allusions to drugs... "No day but today" and "Measure your life in love." That's all that matters.

GSIS Theater

"Rent" is back in Manila, after a successful run in Singapore last February and this time around, we're at the GSIS Theater. It's going to be a slightly different show from "Rent Manila 99," since we're basing it on the Singapore run. The run starts Oct. 5.

There's a lot of stuff that's stayed the same. We still have the incomparable Michael de Mesa as Tom Collins, who for me is THE only Tom Collins. It is still such an honor and privilege to work with him. He is the sweetest man who likes giving me hugs and gave me my first tattoo! JM Rodriguez, who got the part down pat first run, is back as Mark Cohen. Calvin Millado is Roger again, slimmer than in the first run, and completely confident about conquering those relentlessly high notes. He nails them perfectly!

Many of the original ensemble are still there . . . Joel Trinidad, with the questions that only HE can ask . . . Carlo Ledesma, still claiming to have taught Michael de Mesa everything he knows . . .Trice Gomez, the girl with a big voice but the sweetest face . . . Manman Angsico, our ever reliable swing and now our ever reliable vocal coach . . . and you have me, who still wonders how she got into a play that WASN'T written by Rodgers and Hammerstein . . .

New cast members

And then there's the new cast—well, new to Manila, since they didn't see the Singaporean run. There's Rachel Alejandro as Mimi who sings a mean "Without You" that never fails to turn us all into a mess of tears. Jake Macapagal plays Angel so generously and truthfully you just get heartbroken in Act 2 when he . . .

And the newest additions to the cast who are basically replacing the roles the Singaporeans left vacant . . . Bituin Escalante, former member of the ensemble, is now Joanne, lesbian lover to Lana Jalosjos' Maureen. Lana was our swing for the past two runs. She was Mimi's understudy in Singapore, and she got four shows. She has played virtually every female role in this production. Lee Robin Salazar joins us as Benny, and he's doing a really great job. Agnes Barredo and Arnold Reyes join the ensemble—I don't envy them the schizo job they have to master in a couple of weeks, and Lissa Romero is our new swing. She's the most organized swing you ever did see—each chorus member has a different color assigned to them in her script.

There are some things that are just essential to a "Rent" rehearsal that haven't changed . . . Bobby Garcia, our director still picks on Calvin like anything. We still have to do different workshop games that get us breathless and sometimes screaming in panic or in enjoyment. We still like to gather around the keyboard and jam during breaks. We still like to look for cheap places to eat after. We still like picking on each other, reminding one another what mistake we did when . . .

Dear friends

What changed is just how comfortable we've gotten with each other. Heck, we've been to another country together, with no one but each other to cling to, or call in the morning and say, "C'mon let's have breakfast." I am not afraid of these people anymore. They've ceased to become castmates . . .they've become dear friends.

The show really is something to look forward to. The new people bring a fresh look to the character, and so everyone adjusts accordingly. Bituin's Joanne is downright scary in "Take Me or Leave Me." Lee's Benny is a wonderfully nuanced, reluctant "*contrabida.*" Calvin just keeps on growing as Roger, and welcomes the new direction that Bobby gives him. Michael and Jake's "I'll Cover You" is just so sweet and loving, I *must* watch it every time they rehearse it. The cast as a whole is a lot more proactive in this run . . . a lot is about focus. It is just sheer joy to be doing this play again.

Late-night show

The other night, we went to Channel 2 to guest on Martin Nievera's late-night show. While waiting for our turn, we did a time-honored tradition (well, we've done it for the past two years, anyway) of gathering around the keyboard and singing at the top of our lungs in spite of the fact that we were in a tiny, tiny dressing room.

As Joel said, "I know people who would pay good money to be in this room right now!" He was referring to the fact that there were so many good singers in that room, and anyone would have paid to listen to them. But I thought, yeah . . .people would pay to feel just one iota of the bond we have with one another . . .falling in love with a group of people is something that doesn't happen that often. But when it does, it's great!

Lions Gate boldly goes where others fear to tread

BY DAVID GERMAIN

TOM Ortenberg, president of independent film distributor Lions Gate.

LOS ANGELES—Lions Gate Films doesn't go looking for movies that will peeve and perturb. But the independent distributor has had its share of hot-potato films in its short history.

Teen violence

Among them, the satirical serial-killer flick "American Psycho," the angels-run-amok comedy "Dogma," and now "O," a grim examination of teen violence that is based on Shakespeare's "Othello."

Lions Gate stepped in to release "Dogma" and "O" after original distributor Miramax bowed out.

Disney-owned Miramax came under fire from Roman Catholics who viewed "Dogma" as an assault on their church. And with its uncompromising tone, which preserves the Shakespearean violence of "Othello," "O" became too touchy for Miramax in light of the Columbine school massacre and other school tragedies. The movie finished shooting in spring 1999, just before Columbine.

As one of Hollywood's biggest independent distributors, with no major corporate owner, Lions Gate felt comfortable buying both movies. "Dogma" became its top-grossing movie, with $30.4 million domestically, while the distributor plans to give "O" a fairly wide release in 1,500 theaters.

Division

"I do think that it's the relative corporate structure of Lions Gate vs. some of our studio competitors that allows us to produce or acquire certain films that others might stay away from," said Tom Ortenberg, head of Lions Gate Films, a division of Lions Gate Entertainment Corp.

"We do not go looking for controversy when we're thinking about what movies to distribute, but we certainly are not the sort of company that shies away from it."

Other Lions Gate releases in its four-year history include the dark character studies "Affliction," "Gods and Monsters" and "Shadow of the Vampire," and the Mexican "Amores Perros," which features horrific depictions of dog fights.

"Since Lions Gate has no one to answer to other than themselves, they must feel unfettered in a way that perhaps other distribution companies don't," said "O" director Tim Blake Nelson. "That allows them to grab hold of a movie like 'Amores Perros' or 'Affliction' or 'O,' without having to worry they're going to be removed from their jobs."

Lions Gate has just acquired another sobering film directed by Nelson, "The Grey Zone," about Jews who aided the Nazis in the Holocaust. Other provocative releases include "Bully," the story of a teen who brutalizes classmates; "Lost and Delirious," about a lesbian love affair at a boarding school; and the upcoming "Liam," a gritty tale of Irish poverty from director Stephen Frears.

No bitterness

Nelson and "Dogma" director Kevin Smith hold no bitterness against Miramax, saying they were glad the company was willing and able to sell off the films to a good distributor.

"'Dogma' landed in a good place," said Smith, who's back with Miramax for his latest movie, "Jay and Silent Bob Strike Back."

Smith, who made his name with Miramax when the company bought his low-budget feature "Clerks" in 1994, said Lions Gate has become Hollywood's premiere buyer of independent films since Miramax began focusing on in-house productions.

"They're absolutely where Miramax was back in '94, '95, '96," Smith said. "Who's out there to pick up the American and foreign independent films anymore? Where's the great acquisition companies? Right now, it looks like Lions Gate is the major game in town."

Lions Gate Entertainment was formed in 1997 by investment banker Frank Giustra, who cobbled the company together from the purchase of Canadian film company Cinepix, Mandalay Television and a British Columbia movie studio. Last year, Lions Gate bought Trimark Pictures, giving it a film library of about 1,000 titles plus its own distribution system for home video.

The company and fellow indie distributor Artisan Entertainment have been in talks for a possible merger.

Open market

Nearly all of Lions Gate's releases have been finished films bought on the open market. The company now plans to evenly divide its releases between acquisitions and its own self-produced films.

Beginning with "O," Lions Gate also plans one fairly wide release every quarter. It plans a big release this fall for "The Wash," a comedy starring Dr. Dre and Snoop Dogg, and next spring for "Frailty," a thriller with Matthew McConaughey and Bill Paxton that marks Paxton's directing debut.

Lions Gate has several prestige films coming this fall, including the thrillers "The Cat's Meow" from director Peter Bogdanovich and "Lantana" featuring Geoffrey Rush; Richard Linklater's mind-games drama "Tape," with Ethan Hawke, Robert Sean Leonard and Uma Thurman; and "Monster's Ball," starring Billy Bob Thornton, Heath Ledger and Peter Boyle as three generations of death-row executioners.

While Lions Gate is focused on growth, the industry is littered with the shells of indie distributors that tried to expand too quickly into commercial entities, Thornton noted.

"You don't want to start shutting out movies like 'Monster's Ball' by saying, 'Yeah, we could, but we've got the wacky new comedy from Biffo,"' Thornton said. "Right now, Lions Gate's a real good place. But I would say the greatest advice for anybody who has success in a small way, an independent way, is to stay there until you're sure. Let the glue dry all the way before you try to play with the toy." *AP*

'Hedwig and the Angry Inch' is a crowd-pleaser

BY DAVID GERMAIN

"HEDWIG." Playful and poetic.

LOS ANGELES—Forget cult hit. "Hedwig and the Angry Inch" is such a crowd-pleaser it deserves to play multiplexes in every town that boasts one of the movie's fictitious Bilgewater's restaurant franchises. And there should be a Bilgewater's everywhere.

Boisterous musical

The boisterous musical's subject matter—an East German transsexual stalking love and stardom in a retro glam-rock band—may relegate the film to arthouses. At the very least, though, "Hedwig" may find long life as a hip successor to "The Rocky Horror Picture Show" among midnight-movie fans.

Playful and poetic, raunchy and reflective, "Hedwig" is a delight from start to finish. The film takes the campy spirit of "Rocky Horror" and appends great heart and smarts, creating a bold, original film that's part music video, standup routine and mythological musing on love and gender.

John Cameron Mitchell and Stephen Trask adapted "Hedwig" from their off-Broadway hit. Mitchell wrote the screenplay, directs and stars as Hedwig, the role he created in the stage show, while Trask provides music and lyrics and appears as a member of Hedwig's band, the Angry Inch.

The story is spun as Hedwig shares her life story while the band plays endless gigs crowded around the buffet sneeze shields at Bilgewater's restaurants.

Song stylist

"How did some slip of a girlie-boy from communist East Berlin become the internationally ignored song stylist barely standing before you?" Hedwig ponders rhetorically.

Born a boy named Hansel, Hedwig escaped East Berlin by undergoing sex-change surgery and marrying a US serviceman "Sugar Daddy." But the doctor botched the operation, leaving Hedwig with a stump of flesh—an angry inch—that puts her in limbo between man and woman.

Abandoned by her husband in a Kansas trailer park—ironically at the moment the TV airs live footage of the Berlin Wall falling—Hedwig dons a succession of flashy blond wigs and sets out to rock in the style of childhood heroes David Bowie, Lou Reed and Iggy Pop.

She finds a seeming soul mate in Tommy (Michael Pitt), a Bible-thumping boy Hedwig teaches to rock. When Tommy swipes her songs and transforms himself into a rock icon, Hedwig begins a shadow tour of America in Tommy's wake.

Through song and reminiscence, Hedwig relates the sadly comic frustrations of her very confused life.

Signature songs

One of the film's signature songs, "The Origin of Love," offers an intriguing variation of the story of Adam's rib—that two men, two women or one of each once shared a body with two faces and two sets of arms and legs. Angry gods tore them asunder, and people have been trying to put themselves back together ever since, through love and sex.

"Does my other half have what I don't? Looks, the luck, the love?" Hedwig wonders. "Were we really separated forcibly or did he just run off with the good stuff?"

Trask's songs are intelligent and entertaining, ranging from hard-rocking punk to ruminative balladry. Artist Emily Hubley adds fun, fanciful animated sequences.

The performances are first-rate, with fine support from Pitt, Miriam Shor as Hedwig's mistreated lover and band mate, Andrea Martin as manager of the Angry Inch and Maurice Dean Wint as Hedwig's Sugar Daddy.

Mitchell carries the show, though. His Hedwig is a dynamo of musical bravado and self-denigrating patter on stage and a wistful lost child in private.

"Hedwig" won the audience award and Mitchell took the best-director prize at last winter's Sundance Film Festival.

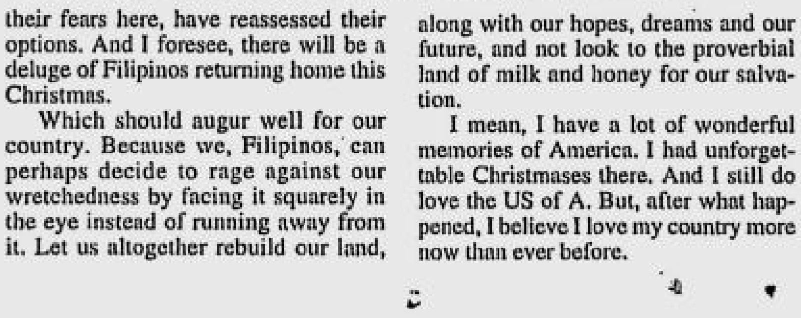
Released by Fine Line Features, "Hedwig and the Angry Inch" runs 92 minutes. *AP*

Let the rage begin

FACE TO FACE

Inday Badiday

RIKKI, Annette, me and Dolly—Christmas in New York!



WITH sisters Annette and Nats in Long Island, New York.

I DIDN'T want anymore to add to the surfeit of terrorism stories in media and I did have a list of things I wanted to write about. But then, how could I just shake off from my mind the surreal, fact-imitates-fiction image of that second Boeing 767 sinking into the World Trade Center's south tower, like it were a knife cutting through a piece of cake, before exploding into smoldering clouds of destruction and death.

Girlish excitement

Monday morning, one the eve of the tragedy, I went to pick up a parcel sent to me by my sister in New York. In my girlish excitement, I tore the package open right there and then and, immediately, the sweet smell of things nice and dandy greeted me. I told my secretary, "Pete, *amuyin mo, amoy Amerika*." How were we to know that, a day later, that precious scent of America would be replaced in our memory by the hideous stench of terror and horror half-a-globe away.

That infamous Tuesday night, my cell phone never stopped ringing as a steady stream of text messages came in. The CNN reports ignited my feelings. I could feel a deep sense of loss, even though all my family and friends in the US were accounted for.

Success

Going to the US and to New York, in particular, somehow meant one had reached the pinnacle of success. All of a sudden, this didn't seem so anymore now. Somehow, the terrorists stole from us something deeply personal.

Among my siblings, it was my sister Letty who first went to the US for her post-graduate studies at the University of Missouri in St. Louis. Then, Annette, a dietitian, moved there to work in Manhattan. Nats, who had a degree in Commerce, took up Medicine and Psychiatry and has since gotten married and raised a family in Long Island, NY.

I envied them then. I thought, I would never ever be able to go to the US. I couldn't possibly convince my mom and dad to finance my trip. I never imagined I would have the personal resources to afford going there on my own.

First trip

My first trip was courtesy of Sampaguita Pictures to shoot a movie with Guy and Pip. We were in Hawaii for a month, LA for another month, and Las Vegas for a week. That was my first taste of the American dream and I found it delicious. My craving for anything American grew.

For me, America stood for everything I aspired for—wealth and prosperity, strength and stability, power and might in every imaginable way. America was the best and brightest, invincible and indestructible. Like, Superman, Captain America and the entire League of Superheroes were all Americans, right?

But that unspeakable Sept. 11 tragedy somehow demolished this fantasy in my mind. The American bubble has burst. The great white empire has crumbled.

High level of decency

It's a good thing that the Americans are coping very well with the catastrophe. Like, the continuous TV coverage of the tragedy is admirable for the very high level of decency, professionalism and respect for the victims that CNN and the other networks have displayed. No shot of bodies splattered on the sidewalks after people leaped to certain death from the 70th floor up. No shot of limbs severed from torsos. No shot of gory scenes.

I covered the Ormoc disaster many years ago when a huge tsunami literally wiped out entire villages and surrendered them to the mercies of the sea. We showed on television the stiff bodies of people stopped dead in their tracks by the hand of death. I didn't find the images gory. I erroneously believed they were powerful human interest pictures that the public needed to see.

Solidarity

Also, the tragedy triggered in Hollywood the cancellation of major awards nights. There was a sense of solidarity and kinship among Americans that the tragedy of one was the tragedy of all. I remember, when Mt. Pinatubo erupted, local show biz reacted with the trite one-liner, "The show must go on," and the year's award-giving season pushed through without a hitch.

There was something else I learned from the disaster. I wasn't capable of rage. Wednesday morning, as I watched CNN, I cried. The tears came after the numbing horror had settled down. And, after the tears, I expected rage to follow. I was surprised when it did not come. It was there inside, constricted somewhere between my heart and my gut, but it somehow wouldn't go out. I grieved and mourned first—weeping for the faith in the American dream that I somehow lost.

But I wanted rage. I wanted the wrath curdling inside me to explode. I didn't mean wanting to gouge the eyes of every Arab-looking man I could get my hands on, or to join US President George W. Bush's growing army of international supporters in storming the deserts of Afghanistan and smoking out from his hole prime suspect Osama Bin Laden dead or alive.

Constructive anger

I wanted my anger to take a more constructive and realistic form—I needed to learn all the personal lessons I could extract from this tragedy. Like, after seeing how the utter monstrosity of the tragedy has sent mighty and prosperous America back to its churches, synagogues, mosques and temples, I'd like my rage to push me even closer still to my God. It was very clear, the Lord allowed this tribulation to happen so that He could use it to make people seek Him from the abyss of their grief.

And as the American armor of invincibility was chipped by the tragedy, I began to set my sights on my country again. As the gleam of the American dream faded, I began to notice the glow of the Filipino hope.

Reassessment of options

I hear that a lot of Filipinos, planning to go to the US either to find greener pastures there or to simply escape from their fears here, have reassessed their options. And I foresee, there will be a deluge of Filipinos returning home this Christmas.

Which should augur well for our country. Because we, Filipinos, can perhaps decide to rage against our wretchedness by facing it squarely in the eye instead of running away from it. Let us altogether rebuild our land, along with our hopes, dreams and our future, and not look to the proverbial land of milk and honey for our salvation.

I mean, I have a lot of wonderful memories of America. I had unforgettable Christmases there. And I still do love the US of A. But, after what happened, I believe I love my country more now than ever before.

Comebacks courageous

By Nestor U. Torre

THIS appears to the season for movie comebacks. After many a filmless moon, Rosanna Roces is returning to the silver screen with "La Vida Rosa," a promising film by Chito Roño.

It's expected that Rosanna's fans will make it a point to catch the movie when it opens later this month. It's true that they've been seeing her each Saturday on TV on "Startalk," but nothing beats movie appearances for special depth and daring.

Different

It'll be interesting to see how different Rosanna's performance in her new movie will be from the screen scorchers she used to do before she temporarily put her film career on hold many months ago.

Let's hope that her thespic sense has been further honed by time, experience and Roño's expert mentoring, so that her performance in "La Vida Rosa" could win her some acting nominations or even awards next year.

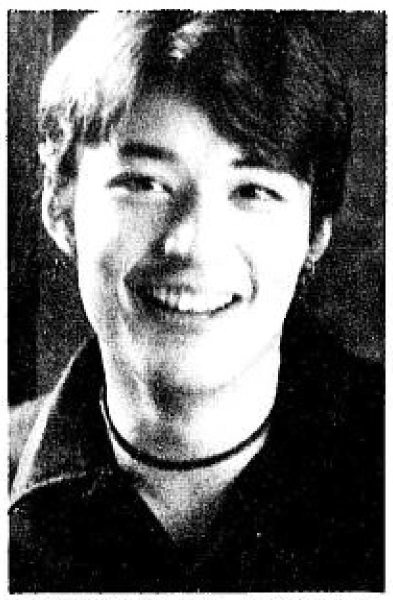
In some of her past portrayals, Rosanna tended to go overboard on point of graphic baring and daring, and genuine, focused characterization was sometimes given short shrift. We trust that she's now a better, more judicious performer, and that Roño will show us a side to her talent that we haven't seen before.

Controversial

For his part, the young but controversial Mark Anthony Fernandez is giving film acting another crack in Lav Diaz's "Hesus Rebolusyonaryo." Fernandez plays a rebel in the movie, which co-stars him with Donita Rose, who is also making her big-screen comeback in Diaz's new movie.

As far as some viewers are concerned, Mark Anthony has just about used up all of his chances at a good comeback, due to the many controversies he has figured in, despite his youth.

We trust that he has finally vanquished his demons and will henceforth give his acting career the devotion and concentration it deserves, or else he will permanently be consigned to the "young has-been" heap.



MARK ANTHONY. Giving film acting another crack.

Good actor

That would really be too bad because, during his better moments, Mark Anthony has proven that he is a good actor. That kind of talent deserves to be encouraged—but, if the actor himself doesn't seem to value his gift and keeps getting himself into unproductive and even self-destructive detours like drugs, temper tantrums and such, even his most steadfast fans will throw in the towel and support other, more deserving young luminaries.

Unlike Mark Anthony, Donita Rose hasn't gotten herself involved in controversies, so her own comeback in "Hesus Rebolusyonaryo" is expected to be successful.

Long stint

Despite her long absence from the movie screen, Donita is now more popular than ever, thanks to her long stint in Singapore as a VJ. In fact, she's now popular not only in the Philippines, but also in the Asian region as a whole.

The only question now is how Donita will fare as a movie actor. After all, being a VJ is very different from acting on the big screen.

In her past films, Donita did well enough, but she was given mostly ingenue roles, so we don't know yet how deep and felt her screen performances can be.

DONITA ROSE. Popular despite long absence.

More complex

We trust that, now that she's older, Donita can come up with more complex and insightful portrayals. With director Diaz's help, Donita's performance in her comeback film could be her career best, and could generate enough excitement and new film offers for her to seriously think of ending her VJ career so she can pay more attention to her potentially more fulfilling and rewarding career as a movie star.

'Apo . . . Banda Rito,' a major musical event

By Remy M. Umerez

IN terms of length of stay in the recording field and other major achievements, no other male singing group can measure up to Jim, Buboy and Danny, or simply the Apo.

Starting out in the '70s, the Apo is still very much around. It has received all the highest awards and accolades.

Thirty two years in the music industry have yielded 26 albums (mostly under Universal Records). Executive producer Bella Tan considers them her most prized and loyal artists.

On their long-standing relationship with Universal, Jim Paredes states: "The company never pressures us regarding the choice of songs to record. That's the kind of freedom we didn't experience with the other outfits we worked with at the start of our career."

Godfathers of Pinoy Pop

In their newly-released album, "Apo . . . Banda Rito" the godfathers of Pinoy Pop and exponents of Original Pilipino Music (OPM) have conceptualized a major musical event: they are not singing their own compositions but songs popularized by young singers.

Side A features: Eraserheads' "Pare Ko," Parokya Ni Edgar's "Harana," Orient Pearl's "Pagsubok," I-Axe's "Ako'y Sa Iyo, Ika'y Akin" and Joey Ayala't Bagong Lumad's "Karaniwang Tao."

On Side B are blockbusters from today's leading bands: Rivermaya's "Kisapmata," "Tag-ulan" by After Image, "Banal na Aso" by Yano, "Magasin" by Eraserheads and Apo's very own "Minamahal Kong Pilipinas."

DANNY Javier, Buboy Garrovillo and Jim Paredes, still very much around.

Carrier single

The carrier single is Parokya ni Edagr's "Harana" composed by fellow Atenean Eric Yaptangco. Apo's own "Harana" is more romantic and has already been produced into a music video by Universal Records.

A 1981 photo of the Apo graces the album cover and the design cover was done by Chito Miranda in collaboration with Ian Sta. Maria and Ace Enriquez.

It would indeed be a pity if we heard less of the Apo's music. There are rumors that Jim Paredes and his family have decided to migrate to Australia.

Jim vows that even if this should happen (for the time being, it is only his son who has already left for Australia), he will still be around for concert gigs and recording sessions.

"For as long as we remain creative, we will never stop making music," he firmly says.

Jaya performs Oct. 12

SHE is not your typical glamorous *mestiza*. Modest and simple with her curly hair and ducky skin, you will never know what this woman is capable of until she begins to sing and the Queen of Soul emerges.

Vocal power

In her few years in the business, Jaya has already earned favorable feedback for her vocal power and performance style.

She earned the nod of Metropop Song Festival judges in 1996 with her rendition of "Sometimes You Just Know" and was Best Performer and grand prize winner in the Asia Song Festival on that same year.

In 1997, she was Annual People's Choice awardee for Best New Artist and Album of the Year, and also received Awit Awards' Best Pop Recording Artist and Best Performance by a New Female Recording Artist recognition. Katha Awards also chose her for Best New Artist, Best R & B Vocal Performances and Best Female Pop Vocal Performance categories.

OPM hits

Then came her OPM hits. The Filipino audience welcomed her with open arms via her hit single, "Dahil Tanging Ikaw." Her self-titled album, "Jaya," released in May 1996 from which this song was lifted was also a certified octuple platinum. Her Christmas album, "Kung Kailan Pasko" (December 1997) and "Honesty" (1999) both earned for Jaya a gold record award while "Jaya... In The Raw" (August 1997) was awarded triple platinum.

Chartbusters

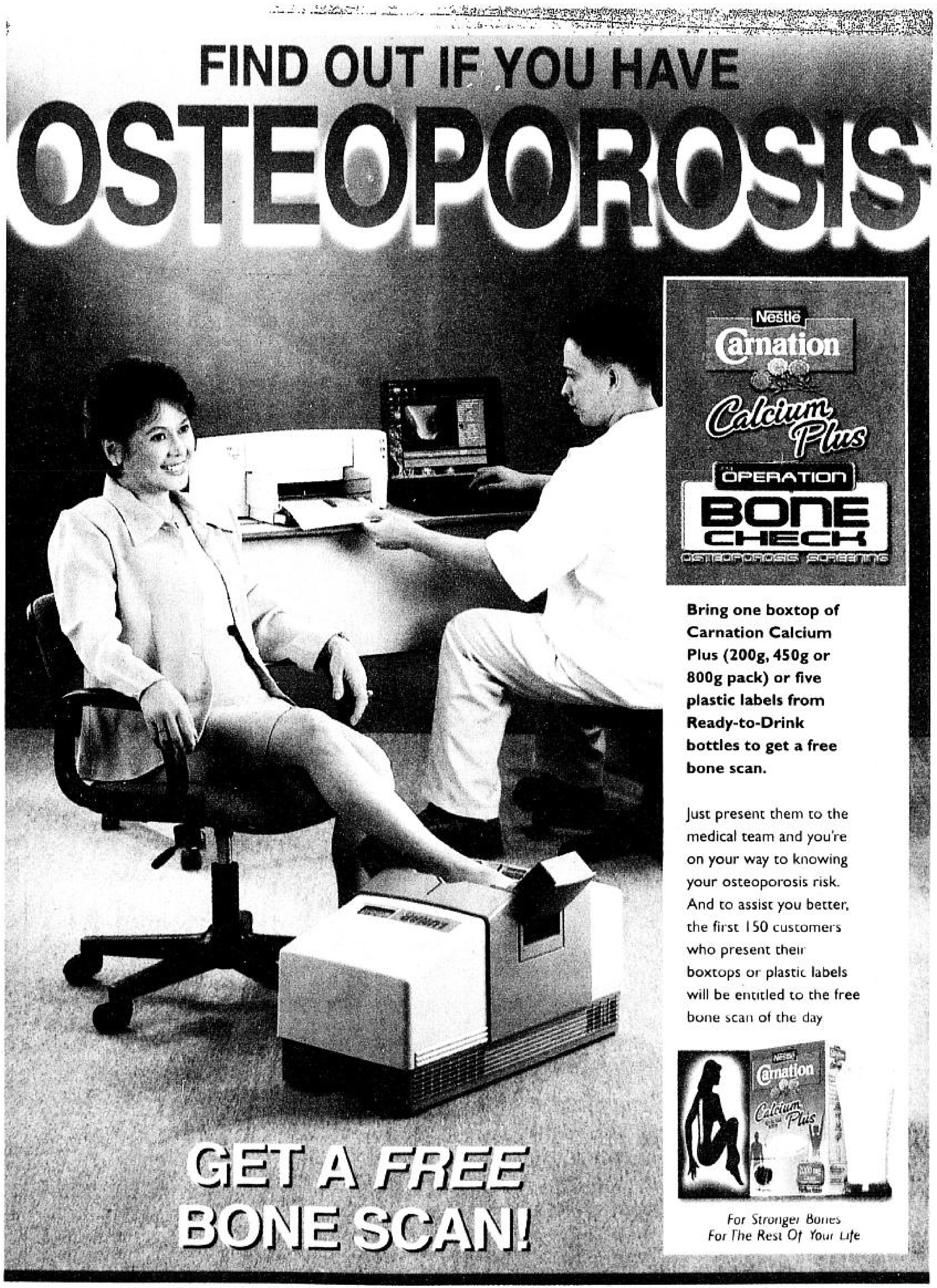
Other chartbusting songs followed suit. These include: "Dahil Ba Sa Kanya," "Laging Naro'n Ka," "Hanggang Ngayo'y Mahal," "Wala Na Bang Pag-ibig," "Kung Wala Na" and "Ikaw Lamang" (duet with Janno Gibbs), to name a few.

Concert producers have so much faith in her talent and crowd drawing power that she likewise became in demand in live performances and even shared centerstage with equally great performers like Regine Velasquez and Janno Gibbs.

No matter how many times you get to see her on stage, there is something worth catching in her every performance. She is a versatile and sensible artist with a style uniquely her own.

Piping hot and full-flavored. That's "Mocca Jaya" and she's live Onstage! At the Greenbelt Mall on Oct. 12, 19 and 26. Showtime is at 9 p.m.

JAYA. Modest and simple.



FIND OUT IF YOU HAVE
OSTEOPOROSIS

Nestlé Carnation Calcium Plus
OPERATION BONE CHECK
OSTEOPOROSIS SCREENING

Bring one boxtop of Carnation Calcium Plus (200g, 450g or 800g pack) or five plastic labels from Ready-to-Drink bottles to get a free bone scan.

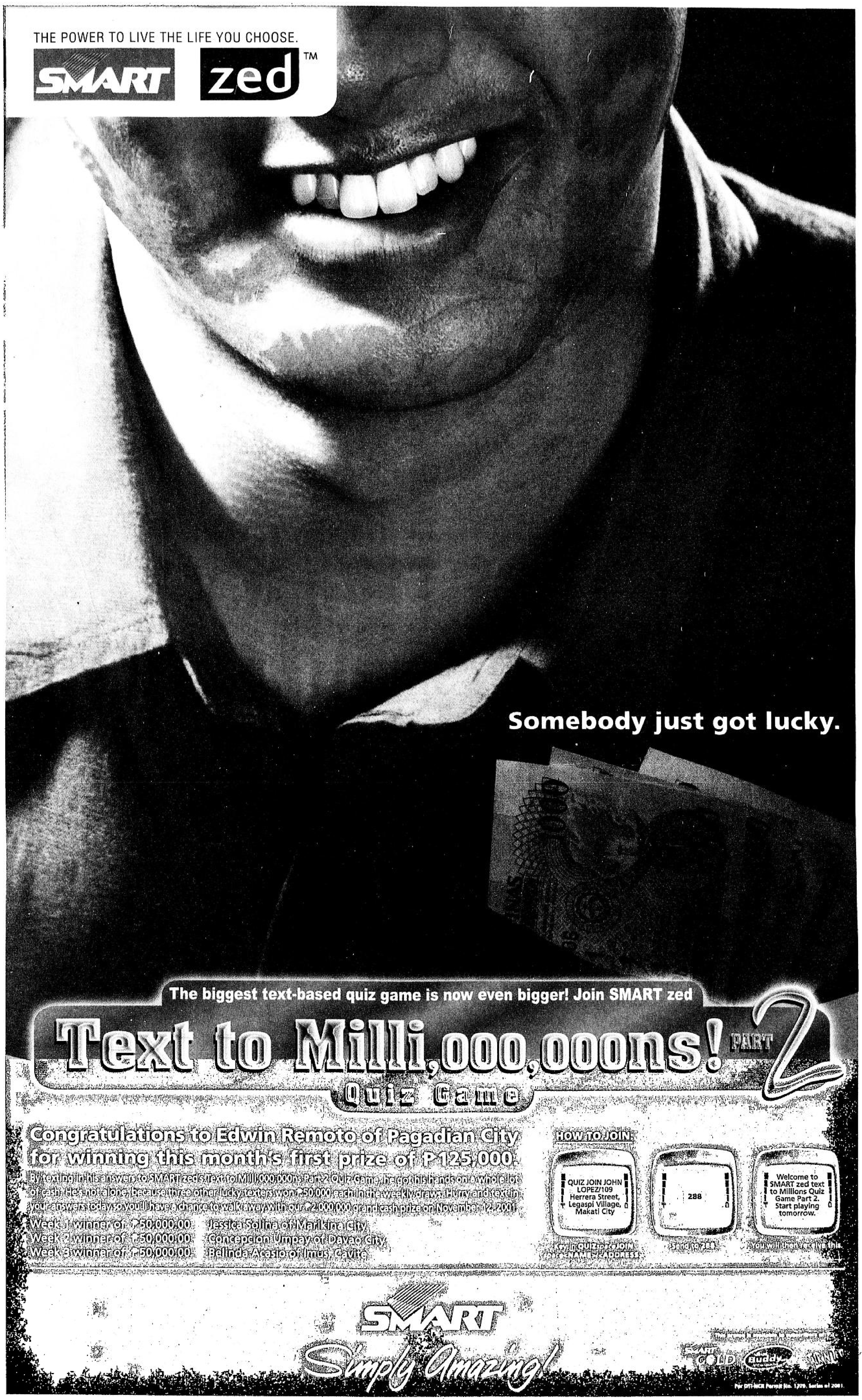
Just present them to the medical team and you're on your way to knowing your osteoporosis risk. And to assist you better, the first 150 customers who present their boxtops or plastic labels will be entitled to the free bone scan of the day

For Stronger Bones
For The Rest Of Your Life

GET A FREE BONE SCAN!

It's time to fight osteoporosis. Be there when Operation Bone Check visits your area.

MANILA	
SEPT 23 25	MERCURY DRUG, GIL PUYAT URBAN
SEPT 22, 24, 27	MERCURY DRUG, CUBAO ROMULO
SEPT 28-30	MERCURY DRUG, SHANGRI-LA PLAZA
OCT 1-7	FAMILY DRUG STORE SM SOUTHMALL
	FAMILY DRUG STORE SM N. EDSA
OCT 9-14	FAMILY DRUG STORE SM FAIRVIEW
	FAMILY DRUG STORE, SM MEGAMALL
OCT. 12-14	ROBINSON'S SUPERMARKET GALLERIA
OCT. 16-21	FAMILY DRUG STORE SM CENTERPOINT
OCT 19-21	ROBINSON'S SUPERMARKET ERMITA
OCT. 23-28	FAMILY DRUG STORE, SM MANILA
VISAYAS	
SEPT 16-23	SM CEBU
SEPT 25-30	METRO AYALA
OCT. 2-7	METRO AYALA
SOUTH MINDANAO	
SEPT 18-23	DATU COMPLEX, DIGOS CITY
SEPT 25-30	AKL SUPERSTORE, KIDAPAWAN CITY
OCT 3-4	NCCC, DAVAO CITY
OCT. 5-7	FULL CUSTOMER'S CLUB FAIR (NCCC)
	DAVAO TRADE & CONVENTION CTR
OCT 9-14	PARK N' SHOP DAVAO CITY
OCT 16-21	FELCRIS QUIRINO, DAVAO CITY
LUZON	
SEPT 22	NEW HAPPY VALLEY OLONGAPO CITY
SEPT 23	CHOA'S SUPERMARKET OLONGAPO
SEPT 25-26	DDS SUPERMARKET APALIT PAMPANGA
SEPT 27 28	GQ MART SAN FDO. PAMPANGA
SEPT 29	PUREGOLD DUTY FREE PLAZA, CLARK
SEPT 30	N E BALIUAG
OCT. 5-7	GLORIMART, MALOLOS
OCT. 16-21	FAMILY DRUG STORE, SM BACOOR
OCT 23-28	FAMILY DRUG STORE, SM PAMPANGA
OCT 26-28	ROBINSON'S SUPERMARKET, IMUS
NORTH MINDANAO	
SEPT 21-23	ORORAMA MEGA, CAGAYAN DE ORO
SEPT 25-27	PEOPLES PLAZA, PAGADIAN CITY
SEPT 28-30	BEST EMPORIUM, PAGADIAN CITY
OCT. 2-4	SHOPPERS, OZAMIS CITY
OCT. 5-7	GEEGE MEGAMALL, OZAMIS CITY
OCT 9-11	FRIENDLY MART, DIPOLOG CITY
OCT 12-14	JERRY'S SHOPPERS, DIPOLOG CITY
OCT 16-17	LIAN HONG, ILIGAN CITY
OCT 18-19	EMILIA SM, ILIGAN CITY
OCT. 20-21	GAISANO, ILIGAN CITY



THE POWER TO LIVE THE LIFE YOU CHOOSE.

SMART zed™

Somebody just got lucky.

The biggest text-based quiz game is now even bigger! Join SMART zed

Text to Milli,000,000ns! PART 2

Quiz Game

Congratulations to Edwin Remoto of Pagadian City for winning this month's first prize of ₱125,000.

By texting in his answers to SMART zed's Text to Milli,000,000ns Part 2 Quiz Game, he got his hands on a whole lot of cash. He's not alone, because three other lucky texters won ₱50,000 each in the weekly draws. Hurry and text in your answers today so you'll have a chance to walk away with our ₱2,000,000 grand cash prize on November 12, 2001.

Week 1 winner of ₱50,000.00	Jessica Solina of Marikina City
Week 2 winner of ₱50,000.00	Concepcion Umpay of Davao City
Week 3 winner of ₱50,000.00	Belinda Acasio of Imus, Cavite

HOW TO JOIN:

QUIZ JOIN JOHN LOPEZ/109 Herrera Street, Legaspi Village, Makati City

Key in QUIZ space JOIN space NAME/ADDRESS

288

Send to 288

Welcome to SMART zed text to Millions Quiz Game Part 2. Start playing tomorrow.

You will then receive this.

SMART

Simply Amazing!

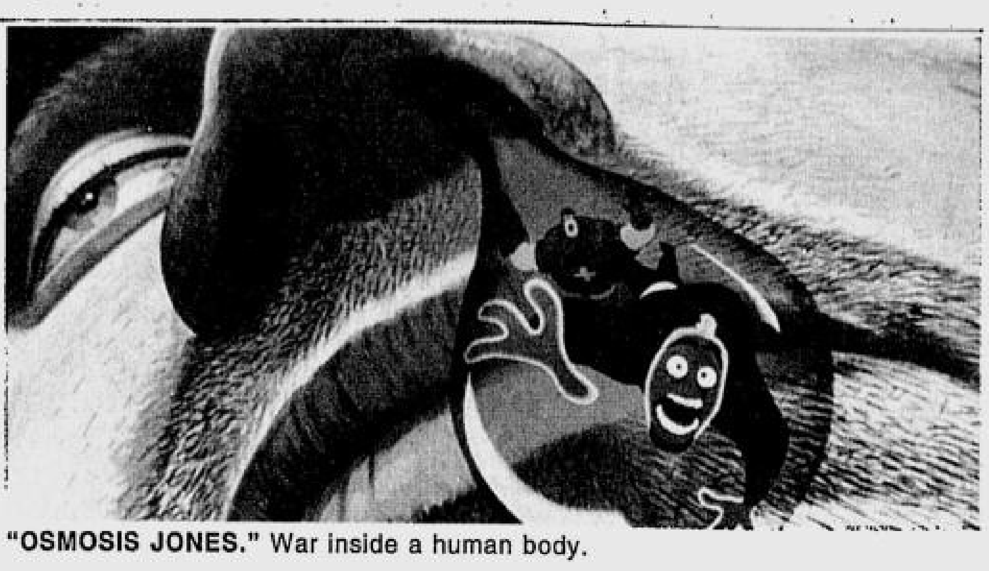
SMART GOLD Buddy [illegible]

Per DTI-NCR Permit No. 1,379, Series of 2001.

SaturdaySPECIAL

'OSMOSIS JONES'

Live action, animation team up for hip comedy



"OSMOSIS JONES." War inside a human body.

FOR those of you grumbling about Hollywood's lack of originality, how's this for a plot? A white blood cell (the voice of Chris Rock) is in a race against time to destroy a virus (the voice of Laurence Fishburne) before said virus harms the body of its human host (Bill Murray) in Warner Bros.' action-comedy "Osmosis Jones" that combines animation and live action.

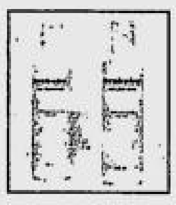
Unique premise

This unique premise is courtesy of brothers Peter and Bobby Farrelly, the wacky minds behind "There's Something About Mary" and "Me, Myself and Irene." In "Osmosis Jones," Frank (Murray) is clearly not a healthy individual. Something's going on inside his body, to the concern of his daughter, Shane (Elena Franklin), his buddy, Bob (Chris Elliot), and Shane's teacher, Mrs. Boyd (Molly Shannon). They'd be even more worried if they really knew about the war inside Frank—In the "city" that is his immunological system, a "good" blood cell named Osmosis bands together with Drix the cold capsule (the voice of "Frasier's" David Hyde Pierce) to protect Frank against the powerful forces of illness. And the City of Frank, as his insides are known, is envisioned as a metropolis complete with a mayor, a highway system and a seedy part of town where the bad toxins hang out!

Two teams

Pulling off "Osmosis Jones" required two teams of filmmakers—one for the live action and one for the animation sequences, four directors and hundreds of crew members and animation experts. "We had to invent our own rules," explains animator Tom Sito about the process of marrying "Osmosis" advanced animation and live action. To make the transitions between the two genres seamless, the filmmakers used "bits and pieces of every available technology," according to producer Dennis Edwards, from CGI animation to traditional hand animation.

Pierce plays Drix, half of the buddy team that races to save the City of Frank. "When I'm doing a TV show or a movie, I'm responsible for my performance," says the actor. "But in an animated project, I can only supply the voice. The directors and animators have to physicalize it, and I have to trust that they'll do it in a way that I think is funny and good."



"Now, my hair will be even more beautiful!"

It took us awhile but now it's here!

Freshaire HAIR CONDITIONER

After several years of testing, Freshaire now gives you a Hair Conditioner specially formulated to make straightened hair manageably soft and shiny. Ideal for everday use.

Nag Wilma Tapalla Ka Na Ba?

Enroll In a Package - P 2,300 Per Course Only!

• Speech Dynamics Develop & Master Oral Skills
Wed. 9-11AM or Saturdays 9-11AM or Sundays 8:30-10:30AM
• Practical Grammar & Conversations
Fluency and Mastery of the English Language
Wed. 11-1PM or Saturdays 11-1PM or Sundays 10:30-12:30PM
• Public Speaking & Confidence Building
• Rapid Reading & Comprehension
• Writing Skills • Personality in Action

WCT Kiddie Academy
(From 3 to 12 years old)
(With 7 Areas of Concentration : Speech, Theater Arts, Grammar, English Fluency, Reading & Comprehension, Character Bldg. & Personality Development)
Saturdays 9-12 NN or 1-4 PM

Corporate Training & Private Tutoring are available

WCT Wilma Cruz-Tapalla
ACADEME OF SPEECH AND PERSONALITY
SINCE 1967

LEGARDA, SAMPALOC
2600 Rizal Hall, Arellano University
736-7656
736-7657
736-7644

GREENHILLS
55 Annapolis St.
722-5620
722-5627

LET THE CLASSES BEGIN

INTERNATIONAL
2 YEAR
PROGRAM OFFERED
IN
FASHION DESIGN

PHILIPPINE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF FASHION

STARTING
OCOTBER 8, 2001
REGISTER UNTIL
SEPTEMBER 29,2001

PHILIPPINE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF FASHION
ST. MECHTILD BUILDING,
2560 LEON GUINTO
MALATE, MANILA
PHILIPPINES
1004
TEL: (632) 524-7686 TO 89
FAX: (632) 521-2593

TWINNING AGREEMENT BETWEEN
LASALLE COLLEGE INTERNATIONAL OF CANADA AND
ST. SCHOLASTICA'S COLLEGE

Fashion Design

GM AutoWorld

FIRST YEAR ANNIVERSARY OFFER

CHEVROLET
ZAFIRA
The World's First 1x7 Car.
From America's most dependable line of cars and trucks.

SUBARU
FORESTER
From Japan!
Experience the joy of all-wheel drive.

THE ₱190,000* SHOWDOWN

Two great cars, both at a low downpayment of ₱190,000.
But until November 15, 2001 only.
Now the question is: which one to choose?

* A/T version only. Subaru Forester M/T available for ₱180,000 down. Available in 12, 18, 24, 36 and 48 monthly payment terms. Subject to bank financing approval.

PHOTO MAY VARY FROM ACTUAL UNITS AVAILABLE

GM AutoWorld MAKATI
2307 Pasong Tamo Extension, Makati City
Tel. Nos.: 843-0217 to 20 / 843-0228
814-0803 / 814-0838

GM AutoWorld QUEZON AVENUE
1231 Quezon Ave., Quezon City
Tel. Nos.: 415-6678 / 413-8133
Fax No.: 372-6008

GM AutoWorld SHAW
500 Shaw Blvd., Mandaluyong City
Tel. Nos.: 535-4938 / 535-4930
533-1263 / 533-1207

GM AutoWorld PAMPANGA
San Fernando–Gapan Rd., San Fernando, Pampanga
Tel. No.: (45) 963-0888
Fax No.: (45) 963-1333

GM AutoWorld CEBU
Gov. Cuenco Ave., Cebu City
Tel. No.: (32) 234-0426
Fax No.: (32) 231-7760

GM AutoWorld showrooms are open 7 days a week.

GM AutoWorld

Per DTI-NCR Permit # 1463 Series of 2001

Armando de Rossi: The Man at the Helm

ARMANDO "Andy" de Rossi, C.M.C. di Ravenna's regional director for Asia, is an Italian by birth but virtually a Filipino at heart.

He easily blends into any local crowd, interspersing his hearty exchanges with catchy Filipino words such as the colloquial "bulabog."

Since his arrival in the Philippines in 1976 his construction company first sent him to manage the construction of the first stage of the Kalayaan Hydropower Pumped Storage Plant in Laguna for the National Power Corporation (Napocor), the Venice-born Andy has taken to the Philippines as his second home, just as this nation has regarded him as one of its sons.

No less than the 11th Congress has unanimously passed a bill granting him Filipino citizenship for his outstanding service rendered to the Filipino people, just as the people of Laguna "adopted" him as a "native son" in 1980. In 1997, he has likewise been adopted by the Matikas Class '83 of the Philippine Military Academy (PMA). Many other groups and individuals have bestowed similar honors on Andy who has helmed many local projects, including the US$640 million Casecnan Multipurpose Power Project in Nueva Ecija, the US$450 million Caliraya-Botocan-Kalayaan (CBK) Hydropower Project in Laguna, the Agus 7 Hydropower Project in Iligan and the Agus 3 Project and the Matling Power Project both in Lanao del Sur, that have benefited Filipinos from Luzon to Mindanao.

Andy obtained his Masteral Degree in Civil Engineering in 1966 from the University of Washington.

Born to a poor family, Andy was the third in a brood of three boys and two girls. "My father was an artist doing oil painting for a living, but after the second world war", Andy begins, "he had difficulty selling his paintings because nobody had the money to spend on these. During Christmas he would make toys from wood with his hands and give them to us as presents."

During summer breaks from the time he was 14, Andy worked as a deck crew in cargo vessels sailing in the Mediterranean, cleaning toilets and ship deck, serving food and doing general ship work to earn money to "maintain myself to go to school."

Traveling on the boat and seeing several countries aroused in the young Andy a desire to become a construction engineer in a foreign land. But back then he never imagined he would reach the success he has attained now..

After his studies in Italy and great interest for an overseas appointment, Andy went to the US in 1964.

Afterwards, Andy worked for four Italian companies including C.M.C. "It's a very good record if you don't change companies too often," Andy notes with a smile. "because during my stint as a ship crew I was able to learn 5 foreign languages – a rare commodity especially during those times and this gave me the significant advantage in landing good jobs from then on."

CMC had never been in Southeast Asia before I started, and they were looking for a construction manager to develop the area"."

Andy surmises that the reasons he has adjusted well in Asia in general and the Philippines in particular are his "focus, stubbornness, fairness and promptness."

Andy believes in aiming for high achievements. "What I want, I must get. I am hardworking. When I come to the job site I can drive nails. But I am fair. I can mix with the poor and the rich and be one of the crowd and not make people feel inferior. I treat people at the same level."

"I like talking to people. I've been like this since I was young. I apply the Golden Rule — I would never do to anybody what I don't want anybody to do to me. I put myself in people's shoes."

Asked if he is a strict boss, Andy replies, "No, I am very understanding. But I am particular about deadlines.

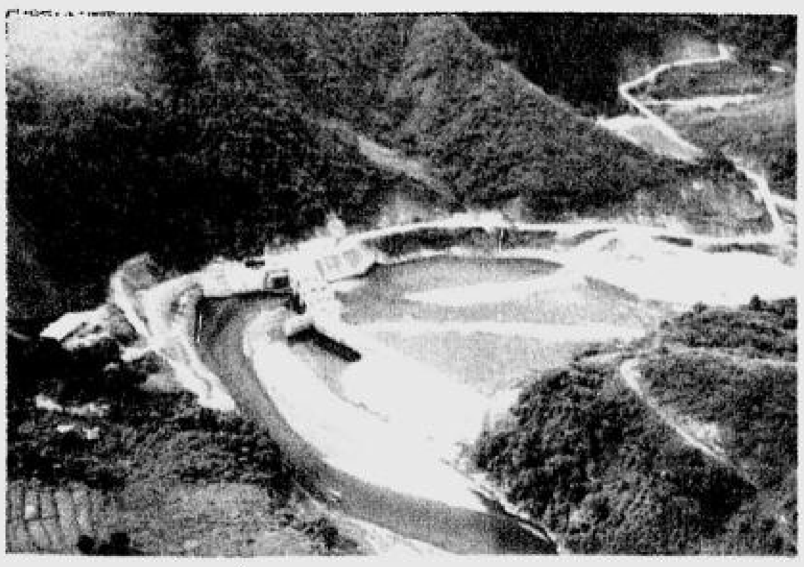
"I also have a rule — nobody has an appointment with me. First come, first served. If the laborer comes before the engineer, the engineer will wait until the laborer is finished.

"In the Philippines I learned how to be patient — I was not so patient before."

Andy only has the best regard for Filipinos, whose close family ties he admires and believes will pave the way for economic improvement. "Filipinos always protect their families," he notes. "Everybody chips in to help. Family ties induce Filipinos to make the children go to school and achieve higher education to become better professionals."

A perennial optimist when it comes to the Philippines, Andy regards C.M.C. di Ravenna as one of the Filipinos' reliable partners in progress.

"Looking towards a future of more joint undertakings in the Philippines," Andy noted during C.M.C.'s centenary last March, "C.M.C. di Ravenna would like to say Mabuhay as the Philippines gains headway in its pursuit of a vibrant economy under the strong leadership of President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo. May this become a continuing inspiration towards joint development efforts for more progress and prosperity dedicated to the Filipino people."



THE TAAN WEIR is one of the twin dams that complete the Casecnan Multipurpose Power Project, which channels the power generated by the Casecnan River to enable the weirs to produce 150 megawatts, as well as irrigating the country's Rice Basin regions in Central Luzon.

CMC DI RAVENNA'S CBK INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT

CBK's pipeline is currently undergoing a rehabilitation undertaken by CMC di Ravenna. CMC is hopeful to complete the rehabilitation in record time, a reputation it has continued to maintain in the global construction industry.

MESSAGE

Nararapat lang na batiin ng mga Pilipino, bukod ng mga Novo Ecijano, ang CMC Di Ravenna sa napakalaking proyektong Casecnan Multi-purpose Irrigation and Power Project (CMIPP) na nagkakahalaga ng US $ 640 Milyon. Nais ko ring samantalahin ang pagkakataong ito na batiin ang Pizzarotti SpA, na kasama ng CMC di Ravenna sa konstruksyon ng nasabing proyekto.

Kaming mga magsasaka ng Nueva Ecija ay isa sa mga unang makikinabang sa tubig na dadaloy na magmumula sa Casecnan Dam at tuloy sa Pantabangan Dam.

Mangangahulugan ito ng inaasahang dagdag naman sa aanihing pangunahing pagkain nating mga Pilipino – ang bigas – dahilan sa karagdagang 35,000 ektaryang mapapatubigang sakahing lupa sa Nueva Ecija.

Karagdagang 150 megawatts na kuryente naman ang inaasahan mula sa CMIPP na kailangan upang makatulong sa isinusulong na kaunlaran ng bansa.

Sa pagpapasalamat sa Puong Maykapal sa matagumpay at maingat na pagtatapos ng CMIPP, paniniwala naming dapat ding banggitin ang malasakit sa ating bansa at mga kalahi ng mga pinuno ng ating bansa mula simulan hanggang ngayong matapos ang CMIPP.

Mabuhay tayong lahat

TOMAS N. JOSON III
Punong Lalawigan
Nueva Ecija

Congratulations to

CP CASECNAN

on it's

100th Anniversary

MANCON BERHAD
CBDC JOINT
VENTURE CORPORATION

CP Casecnan Consortium and CMC Di Ravenna acknowledge the invaluable legal services rendered by their legal counsel

The Law Firm of
QUIASON MAKALINTAL
BAROT TORRES
AND IBARRA

in the accomplishment of this project.

21st Floor Robinson's Equitable Tower ADB Avenue
corner Pedro Poveda Road
1605 Ortigas Center, Pasig City, Philippines
Tel. No.: (632) 631-0981 to 85 / Fax No. (632) 631-3847

Sika Philippines, Inc.

A Globally-Active Player in Construction Chemicals and Industrial Materials

Manufacturer and/or supplier of:

- ▲ Concrete Admixtures
- ▲ Shotcrete Admixtures
- ▲ Mould Release Agents
- ▲ Curing Compounds
- ▲ Surface Retarders
- ▲ Mortar Admixtures
- ▲ Cementitious Grouts
- ▲ Floor Topping Systems
- ▲ Polymer Modified Cement Mortars
- ▲ Epoxy Adhesive and Mortars
- ▲ Concrete and Steel Protection
- ▲ Steel Protection
- ▲ Joint Sealing Compounds
- ▲ Waterbars and Waterproofing System
- ▲ Sealants / Adhesives
- ▲ Structural Strengthening

MANILA HEAD OFFICE :
Unit-A, 888
Marcos Alvarez Ave.,
Talon, Las Piñas City

CEBU OFFICE:
B-6 Warehouse,
J. King & Sons,
A.C. Cortes Ave., Mandaue City
Tel. nos: (032)

DAVAO OFFICE:
Door 211, GRDC Bldg.
Km. 7, Lanang,
Davao City
Tel nos:
(082)

TÜV
Certified Quality System

STEEL ASIA

A Joint Venture with
NATSTEEL of SINGAPORE

SteelAsia is the first ISO 9002 certified rebar manufacturer, ensuring the highest level of quality standards.

OFFICE ADDRESS
6F 8101 Pearl Plaza Building Pearl Drv. Ortigas Center Pasig City 1605
Tel (632) 638 8888 , 910 1535 Fax(632) 637 0808 / 631 5032 / 6315042
PLANT ADDRESS
Ciudad Industria, Barrio Bahay Pari, Meycauayan, Bulacan
Tel(044) 721 2622, Fax (044) 721 1400

CONGRTULATIONS!!!

FROM

BONJOUR ENTERPRISES
NO. 27 D. MUNOZ AVE., TANDANG SORA, Q.C.
TEL. NOS. 937-28-54/935-65-61
TELEFAX: 937-28-54

MANUFACTURER OF:	STEEL FABRICATOR	SUPPLIER OF:
DRY/OIL TYPE POWER TRANSFORMER (75 KVA TO 2500 KVA W/ VOLT. UP TO 34,500 VOLTS)	STEEL TRUSSES, STEEL TOWERS, OPEN WEB RIGID FRAME & OTHER STEEL RELATED WORKS	HEAVY EQUIPT. SPARE PARTS, ELECT. MOTOR, LOADBREAK SWITCH, FUSE

PLEASE CONTACT: MR. JESUS J. ABESAMIS

PLANT SITE: MANCHESTER INDUSTRIAL SUBD.
SAUYO ROAD, NOVLICHES, Q.C.
FABRICATION SHOP: NO. 7 POLARIS ST., BANLAT, T. SORA, Q.C.

MESSAGES

My warmest congratulations to the CMC di Ravenna and Pizzarotti SpA on the completion of the CASECNAN MULTI-PURPOSE PROJECT which is another milestone in its long list of achievements in the global construction industry.

Indeed, the Philippine construction industry acknowledges the presence on CMC di Ravenna and Pizzarotti SpA as partner and co-worker in building the necessary infrastructure to boost our country's socio-economic efforts.

The completion of CASECNAN MULTIPURPOSE POWER PROJECT will definitely improve our country's industrial productivity and overall economic growth. Likewise, it touches the lives of every Filipino with the accelerated energization of geographically remote and economically marginalized areas, thus, bringing the rural population into the mainstream of development.

Again, my warmest congratulations and best wishes for your continued success.

Mabuhay tayong lahat!!!

SIMEON A. DATUMANONG
Secretary,
DPWH

In behalf of the women and men of National Irrigation Administration, I would like to congratulate CMC di Ravenna and Pizzarotti SpA for completing the major components of one of the country's biggest projects – the Casecnan Multi-Purpose Project. This project is very important because it will provide additional electric power generation capacity. More importantly, it will increase the capacity of our existing irrigation systems to provide adequate water supply to thousands of hectares of farmland in the country's rice granary.

We are, indeed, very happy that the largest construction cooperative in Europe, CMC di Ravenna and its partner Pizarotti SpA, has been a major player and partner of the Government in its development efforts. We look forward to working with you again in the other development projects that we will undertake in the future.

To all officials, staff and workers of CMC di Ravenna, *Mabuhay!*

JESUS EMMANUEL M. PARAS
Administrator

This is a memorable day for the thousands of farmers, including the Bugkalots, in Nueva Ecija, Bulacan, Pampanga, Nueva Vizcaya, Quirino and Aurora – being the direct beneficiaries of the Casecnan Multi-purpose Irrigation and Power Project (CMIPP).

Started in 1997, the CMIPP is one of the models of the government's Build-Operate-Transfer (BOT) scheme to encourage foreign and Filipino investors in undertaking major infrastructure projects.

We at the Department of Agriculture, being one of the project implementors, are proud to be a part of this monumental undertaking – which involved the construction of a 28-kilometer tunnel, an underground powerhouse, two intake dams and related structures.

When fully operational, the CMIPP will irrigate an additional 35,000 hectares of new farmlands and ensure irrigation supply for about 102,000 hectares in Central Luzon. The project also entails the construction of small-scale irrigation projects, servicing some 3,000 hectares of farmlands in Nueva Vizcaya, Quirino and Aurora.

Undoubtedly, the completion of the Casecnan project will bring about numerous benefits – increased rice harvest, more farm-to-market roads, and enhanced income and employment opportunities – to the host communities, the Bugkalots, and farmers.

We commend the CMIPP operator and contractors -led by the California Energy International, CMC Di Ravenna, Pizzarotti SpA and CE-CWEC, for successfully completing this full-year project.

Congratulations and *Mabuhay*!

Leonardo Q. Montemayor
LEONARDO Q. MONTEMAYOR
Secretary
Department of Agriculture

The Casecnan Multipurpose Power . . .

(From page E4)

- Airport runways, passenger cargo terminals and buildings;
- Hydraulic engineering (dams, canals, water supply systems);
- Housing; civil engineering/industrial works (hospitals, offices, shopping centers, industrial sites and power generation plants);
- Docks and marine works (coastal defences, breakwaters and wharves, dredging);
- Environmental protection and rehabilitation (sewage treatment, water purification, solid waste disposal, reforestation programs, landslide protection); and
- Integrated rural development projects for extensive areas.

In addition, Pizzarotti SpA has always been ranked as one of the most important qualified Italian construction firms. The origins of present day Pizzarotti SpA go back as far as 1910 when Gino Pizzarotti founded the company and its first work was the construction of the Cisa church, it is now active in Italy and abroad. Pizzarotti SpA developed in various sectors.

The highly respected companies have built a fine reputation by combining entrepreneurial skills and cutting-edge equipment and technology with the professional advancement of its personnel, qualities which perfectly suited the Casecnan project.

The dynamic Armando de Rossi has overseen Philippine projects since 1976. Even at the outset of the Casecnan Multipurpose Power Project, he enthusiastically invited Filipinos to work hand in hand with the CP Casecnan consortium.

"We can work together to improve livelihood," he urged. "Let's work together to uplift the poor condition of farmers. Together we can be successful."

The complicated Casecnan Multipurpose Power Project proved to be a challenging project that required sophisticated technical expertise and modern equipment which C.M.C. di Ravenna and Pizzarotti SpA amply provided.

Among the latter were three 200-meter long tunnel-boring machines, the only ones of its kind in the country. Two were brought in from the US and one from Germany.

"The tunnel boring machines are huge, expensive pieces of equipment that are basically giant drills," said contract manager John Durston, who has been with the project since 1997. "The drills are safer and much cheaper to use in the long run than blasting."

Even with sophisticated equipment, however, completing the complicated project wasn't a breeze. "People do not know the difficulties we had," recalled Armando de Rossi.

Approximately 80 kilometers of new roads were built in the mountains as well as 28 kilometers of total tunnels and underground caverns.

At any given month the project directly or indirectly employed 3,000 Filipino workers and over 100 foreign workers. The workers were amply provided with accommodations, water, food allowance and dental/medical services (there are four different clinics and four resident physicians), including emergency airlifts.

In four years, CP Casecnan became one of the country's biggest taxpayers, SSS contributors, and one of the highest payers of laborers' salaries.

The project also benefited residents of the surrounding areas, including tribal communities living in the mountains of Nueva Vizcaya.

"The partnership that had been forged for many years between the Philippines and CMC di Ravenna has brought forth economic and social benefits to the common Filipino," noted Armando de Rossi when C.M.C. di Ravenna celebrated its centenary just this past March.

The Casecnan Multipurpose Power Project is yet another solid proof of that enduring partnership.

AUGURE!!!
CMC di Ravenna
Congratulations on your 100th anniversary
From your partner in the CP Casecnan Consortium
Supersonic Manufacturing Incorporated
The Wire Netting Company (established since 1971)
MANUFACTURER OF:
Gabions & Mattresses, Welded Wire Mesh (Steelmatting), GI Wire, BI Wire
Barbed Wire, Cyclone Wire, Hog Wire, G.I. Welded Wire, Chicken Wire
531-7310; 531-8572, 531-9133; 534-1812; 534-1813

Congratulations to
CP CASECNAN
on it's
100th Anniversary
King of Travel
G-23 Valero Plaza, Valero Street, Salcedo Village,
Makati City
Tel. No.: 816-4411 (connecting 6 lines)
Telefax: 63769 King PN / Fax (632) 819-5925

Congratulations...
From the largest company importing and distributing Italian products such as:
PASTAS: De Cecco, Gigi/Valdigrano
OLIVE OIL: Condi, Severi
TOMATOES: Cirio, Mutti
BOTTLED GOODS: Iposea, Alis
COLD CUTS AND CHEESES: Ceriani, Igor, Lat-Bri, Fallini
WINES, LIQUOR AND GRAPPA: Piccini, Ca Montini, Gagliardo, Brotto
Italfood DISTRIBUTOR, INC.
G/F Expocraft Bldg., 1008 Metropolitan Ave.,
Makati City, Philippines
Tel. (632) 899-6717-18
Fax. (632) 899-6716
E-mail: italfood@info.com.ph

Our warmest congratulations to:
CP Casecnan Consortium
ON ITS INAUGURATION OF THE
CASECNAN MULTIPURPOSE PROJECT
Greetings from the management & staff of the:
TREVI group
TREVI CONSTRUCTION CO. LTD.
MAKATI OFFICE:
Unit 5-D Country Space 1 Bldg.
Sen. Gil Puyat Ave., Salcedo Village
Makati City, Philippines
Tels. +632 8673181-83
Fax No. +632 8673179
E-Mail: treviphl@mozcom.com
SUCAT PLANT:
Lot 2 Emilia St., Brgy. San Isidr
Sucat, Paranaque City
Philippines
Tels. +632 8202035-36
Telefax No. +632 8202035
E-Mail: treviphl@mozcom.com

Congratulations...
to our partner in nation building!

LAMANG SA TIBAY!
UNION PORTLAND CEMENT
UNION PORTLAND CEMENT TYPE 1
LAMANG SA TIBAY!

The Exclusive Supplier of the
Casecnan Multipurpose Project
UNION CEMENT CORPORATION
Tel: (+63 2) 810-9526 local 493/442
Toll-Free: 1-800-1888-1368
www.unioncement.com

CMC *di* RAVENNA

Aries B. Espinosa, Assistant Editor
SPROJECTS@INQUIRER.COM.PH
Mylene de Jesus, Account Manager

The Casecnan Multipurpose Power Project: A Milestone Achievement

CMC DI RAVENNA'S MILESTONE ACHIEVEMENT
An overview of the Casecnan Multipurpose Power Project, which is expected to impact immensely on the economy by generating power for Central Luzon as well as irrigate the proximate rice producing region.

IT IS AN AWESOME feat of modern engineering and the singular culmination of its builders' dogged determination.

The massive $640 million Casecnan Multipurpose Power Project in Pantabangan, Nueva Ecija — whose impact is anticipated to redound just as massively to the agricultural-based Philippine economy — is colossal in every way.

And the good news is that this four-year ground-breaking project will be officially inaugurated on Sept.28, 2001.

The Casecnan Multipurpose Power Project aims to provide adequate irrigation for Central Luzon, the Philippines' main rice producer (or "Rice Bowl" as it is referred to), and to provide extra power for Luzon's electrical supply by harnessing the waters of the Casecnan River in Nueva Vizcaya.

It is anticipated that when all the irrigation channels will have been completed, the project may well convert the Philippines from being a rice importer to being a rice exporter.

The project has three major components:

- Two diversion weirs (dams placed across the rivers to divert water): Nueva Vizcaya's Casecnan weir and the Taan River weir;
- An underground tunnel that is 6.3 meters in diameter and which traverses for 28 kilometers into the Pantabangan reservoir in Nueva Ecija; and
- An undeground powerhouse.

ARMANDO De Rossi, CMC di Ravenna's Asia Regional Director, and the man who led Europe's largest construction cooperative to jointly complete the massive Casecnan Multipurpose Project in record time

From the Nueva Vizcaya mountain area, the two dams that have been constructed on the Taan and the Casecnan rivers form two reservoirs. From the dams, water passes in through the tunnel and is taken in by two intakes. From the intake area, water will pass down to the powerhouse. The turbines will generate 150 megawatts of power which will go into the Luzon grid. After water has passed through the turbines, it exits into the Pantabangan Lake where it will replenish the water there. From this lake, the water passes into channels to irrigate the rice fields.

"The Cagayan River originates in Nueva Vizcaya and goes out into the Pacific Ocean," explained Armando de Rossi, the indefatigable Regional Director for Asia of C.M.C. Ravenna, the project consortium's leading company. "The idea was for the two dams to divert the water through the tunnel and bring it to this site where it can be utilized for irrigation and power. Brought to the Pantabangan dam (an old plant not generating enough power), the water will generate more power and irrigate 65,000 hectares of the country's 'Rice Bowl'."

"The primary purpose of the project," elaborated by California Energy's Steve Lyons, "is to bring 80 cubic meters/sec of water down to the reservoir which will allow it to provide irrigation for another three to four months a years and extra electricity from the powerhouse."

In 1997, California Energy International, under a build-operate-and-transfer scheme, awarded the EPC (engineering, procurement and construction) contract for the Casecnan Multipurpose Power Project in 1997 to CP Casecnan, a consortium of two world-famous Italian construction companies: CMC Di Ravenna and Pizzarotti SpA and several other world-famous engineering companies.

"It was important that we had a world-class consortium working for us," emphasized Steve Lyons. "This is a very sophisticated project. It is one of the largest of its type in the world."

C.M.C. di Ravenna, Europe's largest construction cooperative, led the consortium. C.M.C. di Ravenna has been consistently ranked as one of the top five major Italian construction companies in the last 10 years. Established in 1901 by a small group of workers in Italy's Romagna region, it has since expanded worldwide with offices in 11 countries and in four continents. C.M.C. di Ravenna specializes in complex projects such as:

- Infrastructure (roads, tunnels, bridges, railways, underground railway systems);

Casecnan/ E3

Messages

My warmest greetings and congratulations to the CP Casecnan Consortium on the completion of the $640 million Casecnan Multipurpose Power Project.

We welcome with much delight the completion of this facility as an important addition to our existing network of irrigation and power generation infrastructure designed to address our present and future requirements. As a major investment and integral component of our medium and long term economic development program, it will definitely boost our advantage as an investment destination and hasten development in Nueva Ecija, Nueva Vizcaya and neighboring provinces in Central Luzon.

I commend CP Casecnan Consortium in general and CMC di Ravenna in particular as lead agency for this major accomplishment. Not only have your group actively contributed to the economy in the form of employment, taxes and SSS contributions you generated these past years, but with the completion of this edifice, you have truly made your mark in local infrastructure.

With these thoughts, let me convey also my greeting to CMC di Ravenna as it marks its 100th year as the largest construction cooperative in Europe. More power and *Mabuhay!*

GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO
President
Republic of the Philippines

My congratulations to CMC di Ravenna as it celebrates its 100 years of total commitment and dedication to the construction industry.

It is indeed my pride to promote to the Philippines and the entire Asian region the strength and stability of Italy's largest construction cooperative that has established a foothold not only in Europe but worldwide as well.

AMBASCIATA D'ITALIA

CMC's long industry clearly marks the pioneering spirit of the Italians as well as their genuine commitment to service and professional experience.

In the Philippines, CMC has been actively committed to two major infrastructure projects of the government. In 1997, California Energy International awarded to the company the EPC Contract for the construction of the CASECNAN Multipurpose Power Project in Nueva Ecija which is about to be completed. The $240 million project includes the excavation of a 28-kilometer underground powerhouse, two intake dams and structures.

The second project is the award from Argentina's IMPSA, for the construction and rehabilitation of the $450 million Caliraya-Botocan-Kalayaan Hydropower Project in Laguna, covering the rehabiolitation of the existing plants and structures and the construction of the second stage of Kalayaan.

In behalf of the Italian Embassy in the Philippines, I salute the hard-working management and staff of CMC di Ravenna as it reaches this glorious moment in their company's history.

Congratulazioni

UMBERTO COLESANTI
Ambassador of Italy

It is with immense pride and pleasure that we now launch the $640 million Casecnan Multipurpose Power Project in Nueva Ecija. A monumental four-year undertaking of the CP Casecnan Consortium of which C.M.C. di Ravenna and its partner, Pizzarotti SpA has played a leading role, this project is not only the result of its builders' vision and concerted effort, but significantly that of the Philippine government's determination to push forward with high hopes for a more progressive nation.

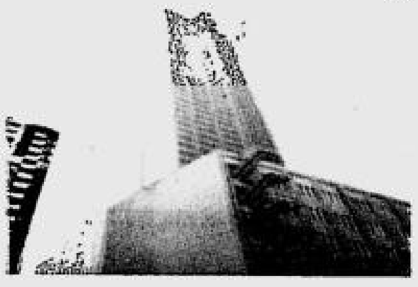
This belief in the Philippines' vast potentials for progress has always been strongly held by C.M.C. di Ravenna, which the Philippine government has relied upon for similarly noteworthy projects for the past several years. The Casecnan Multipurpose Power Project is just the latest result of an enduring and mutually fulfilling partnership.

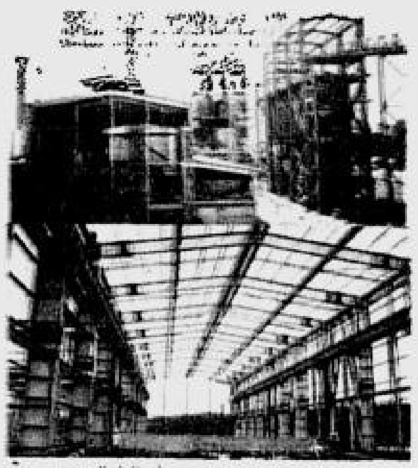
In anticipation of the benefits that will redound to Central Luzon when this project adequately irrigates the region, and to Luzon whose power supply the project will greatly enhance, we at C.M.C. di Ravenna are confident that the CP Casecnan Consortium may in time be regarded not only as a remarkable feat of engineering, but our unique contribution to the growth of the Philippine economy. C.M.C. di Ravenna shares and is committed to the Filipinos' hopes and dreams for a better and brighter future.

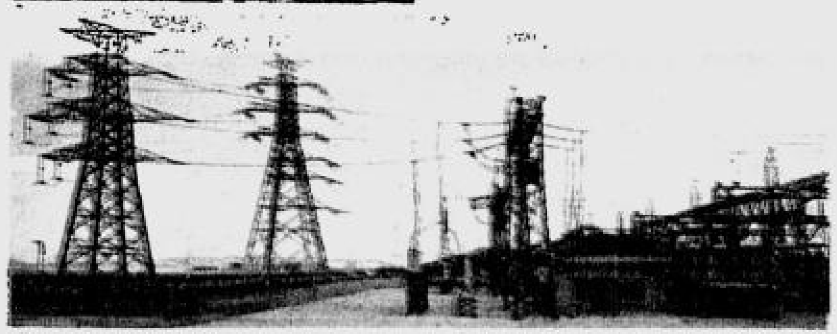
ARMANDO DE ROSSI
CMC Di Ravenna
Regional Director for Asia

Congratulations to
CP CASECNAN
on it's
100th Anniversary

ATLAS COPCO (PHILS.) INC.
24-HOURS SERVICE
HOTLINE NATIONWIDE
Cellphone: 0917-8117064
Pocketbell: 125-701-8624
Atlas Copco







Terminal tower and sub-station steel structures

An Industry Force Comes Of Age!
BF® Metal Corporation

STEEL CONSTRUCTION DIVISION
(Specialized in Fabrication and Erection)
BUILDING PRODUCTS MANUFACTURING DIV.
(Fire Rated Metal Doors, Louvers, Roll-up Doors)
STEEL TOWER MANUFACTURING DIV.
(Transmission and Communication Towers)
HOT DIP GALVANIZING DIV.
Zinc Bath Size 12.3 Mtr(L) x 1.5mtr.(W) x 2.4 mtr.(H)

BF® gets it done!

KM. 17 ORTIGAS AVENUE EXTENSION
CAINTA, RIZAL, PHILIPPINES
Phone : (0623) 656-0794 / 656-0513 / 656-0604
Fax No: (0632) 655-3551
Email : bfmetal@rp1.net
Website: http://www.bfmetal.com.ph

Congratulations to
CP CASECNAN
on it's
100th Anniversary
GREETINGS FROM
D.F. DE LEON ENTERPRISES

Congratulations to CMC di Ravenna on their 100th Year!

HydrauMind Equipment Parts
104 & 105 Don Go Ti Bldg., 5th Ave. Corner Rizal
363-4361, 365-7076, 364-5209
Telefax: 364-5209
Power Page: 634-3333 & 884-884
Pager No.: 17007

HydrauMind EQUIPMENT PARTS

HYDRAULIC HOSE & FITTING

MITSUBISHI Hino ISUZU KOMATSU CAT HITACHI TCM INTERNATIONAL

Specializes in Hydraulic & Industrial Hose, Reusable & Crimp Fittings, Metallic & Teflon Hose, Flexible Hose, Pipe & Expansion Joint, Power Steering Hose, Brake, Adaptors, Copper, Steel Tubing & Piping, Diesel Tubing & Rotary Fitting

Service: All Kinds of Cables
Morse Pull Cables, Transmission, Accelerators, Brakes, Clutches, Positive Lock, Cables & Utility Cables

EQUIPMENT SPARE PARTS / 4X4 SPARE PARTS

Gates HYDRAULIC HOSE
Aeroquip HOSES & FITTINGS
UNIROYAL MANULI
Weatherhead
UNI-FLEX
ENZED FLUID CONNECTORS
HYDROFIT

Saturday SPECIAL

Movie studios react to attack

By Josh Grossberg

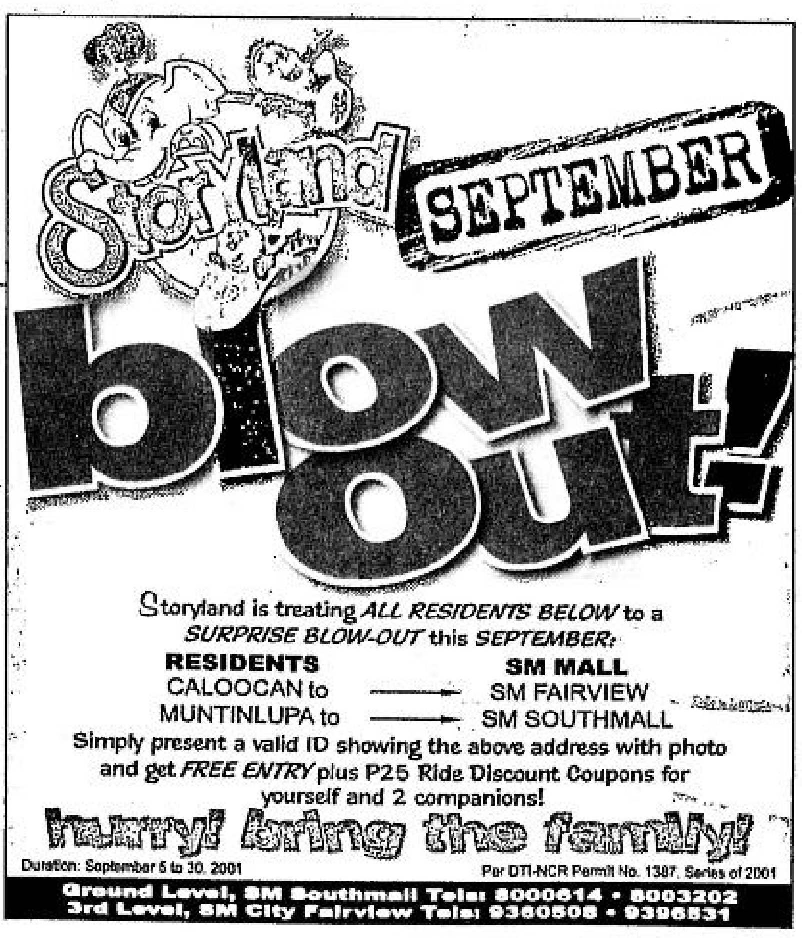
HOLLYWOOD is struggling to make decisions on several high-profile movie projects in the wake of Tuesday's (Sept. 11) horrific hijack attacks on New York and Washington DC.

Arnold Schwarzenegger's upcoming revenge thriller, "Collateral Damage," in which he stars as a firefighter whose family is killed when a downtown skyscraper is destroyed in a massive terrorist bomb blast, is among those films whose release is up in the air. The film, directed by "The Fugitive" helmer Andrew Davis, has the tagline: "What do you do if you lost everything?"

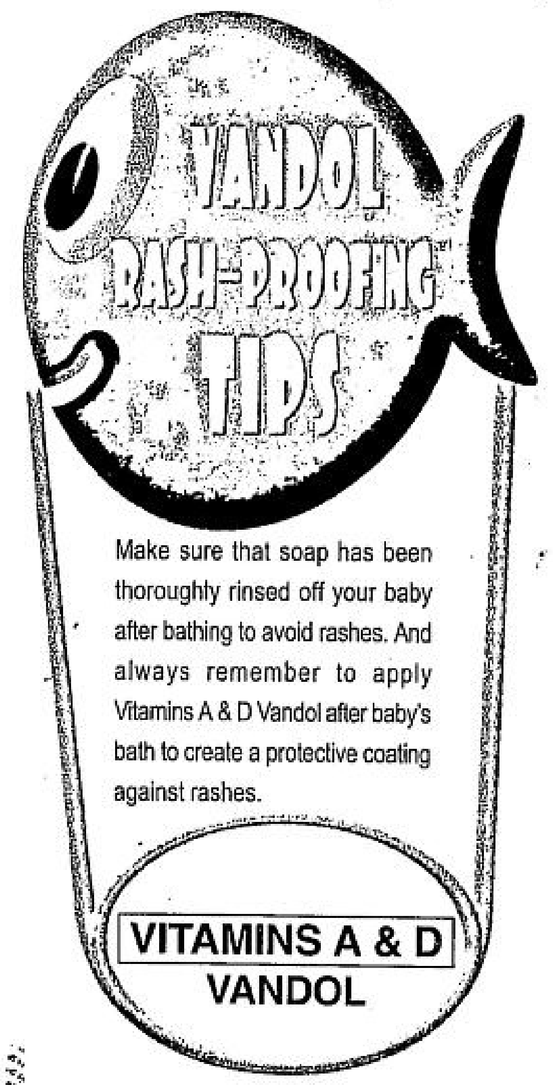
Warner Bros. executives have indefinitely postponed the film's Oct. 5 release date out of sensitivity to victims, their families and all American citizens. The studio also disconnected the film's Website and recalled the trailer, posters and all advertising materials for the film.

MOVIE/P.F3

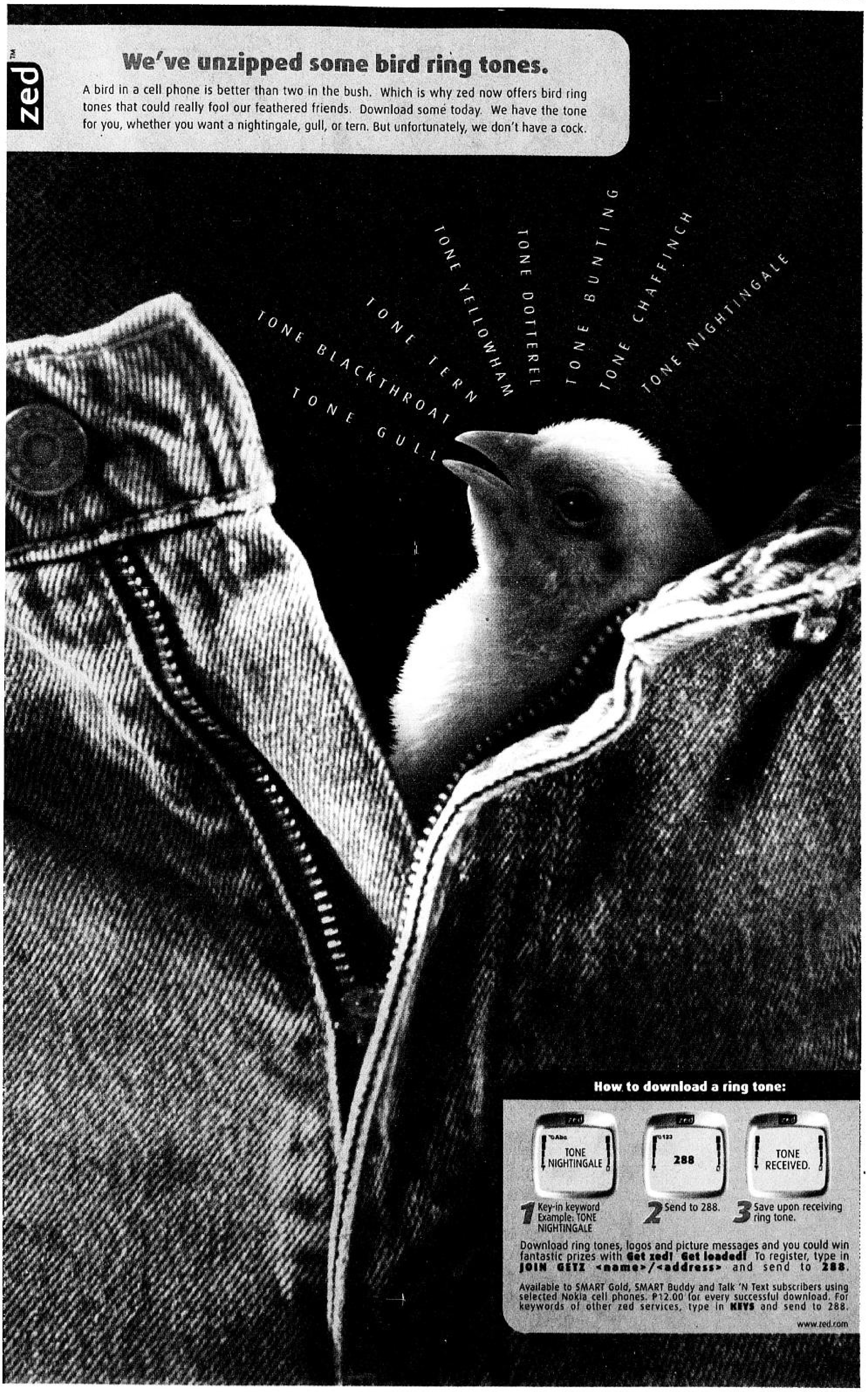
Beauty starts with a hot shower bath.
P705.17 x 12
New Ariva Cristina
Fully Automatic Water Heater
with Built-In ELCB
FREE Installation!
PLDT
724-59-07
BAYANTEL
415-93-78
ARIVA
WATER HEATERS


Storyland SEPTEMBER blow out!
Storyland is treating ALL RESIDENTS BELOW to a SURPRISE BLOW-OUT this SEPTEMBER:
RESIDENTS → SM MALL
CALOOCAN to → SM FAIRVIEW
MUNTINLUPA to → SM SOUTHMALL
Simply present a valid ID showing the above address with photo and get FREE ENTRY plus P25 Ride Discount Coupons for yourself and 2 companions!
hurry! bring the family!
Duration: September 5 to 30, 2001
Per DTI-NCR Permit No. 1387, Series of 2001
Ground Level, SM Southmall Tels: 8000614 • 8003202
3rd Level, SM City Fairview Tels: 9360508 • 9396831

WEIGH LESS CENTER
"NO TIME TO DIET"
JANICE DE BELEN
TV Host/Actress
MENDEZ MEDICAL GROUP
371*8886 / 371*8887
373*0766 / 374*2437
WEIGH LESS CENTER & SPA, 31 Roces Ave. Q.C.
CLINICA MANILA, 2F Bldg. A SM Megamall Mandaluyong City
PATIENT FIRST MEDICAL CENTER, 3F Mercury Bldg Gironella, Mla
HEALTHWAY MEDICAL CLINIC, Basement Level, SM North, Q.C.
MINDANAO AVENUE BRANCH, 2F Randa Bldg Mindanao Ave. Q.C.
ALL CLIENTS ARE SCHEDULED BY APPOINTMENT*

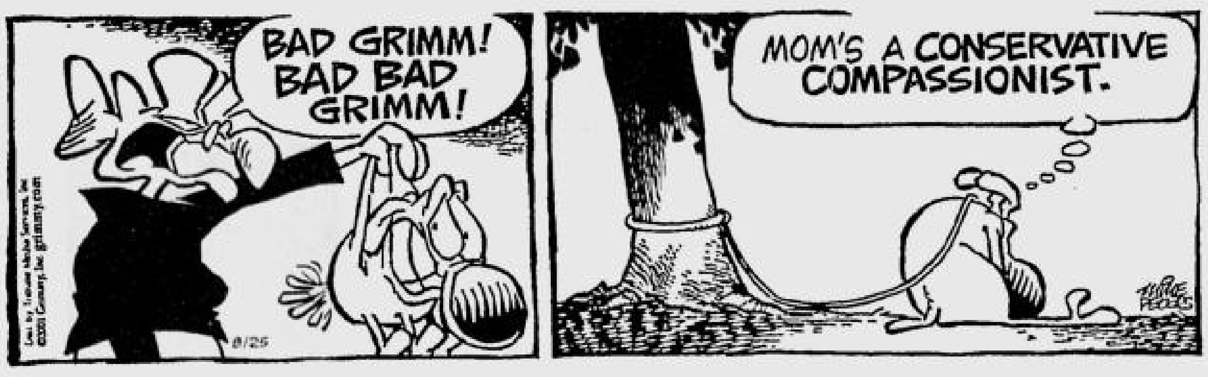

VANDOL RASH-PROOFING TIPS
Make sure that soap has been thoroughly rinsed off your baby after bathing to avoid rashes. And always remember to apply Vitamins A & D Vandol after baby's bath to create a protective coating against rashes.
VITAMINS A & D
VANDOL

BRIDAL WORLD
BRIDAL DIRECTORY
There's magic in dressing... EDWARD TENG Couturier / Designer 716-5731 / 716-5710 G/F COLUMBIA INT'L TOWER #500 SANTOL ST. STA MESA, MLA
LEONARD CO 7215611/7220876
LA FLORAL 890-1948/895-6227
DINO LARA PHOTOGRAPHY 883-4408/0919-2284828 dinolara@iconn.com.ph www.portrait.com.ph
SMART SHOT STUDIO VIDEO & PHOTO SPECIALIST QUEZON CITY BRANCH: 711-2515 MARIKINA BRANCH: 941.9044
EVENTS NETWORK COORDINATOR & BALLOON ARTIST www.eventsnballoons.com BRIDAL PACKAGE P60T UP 896-2642/(0919)421-3813 E-mail eventsnet_wed@hotmail.com
Nitty-Gritty E-mail: snakefire1@hotmail.com Tels.562-5698/562-0176/0919-8104181 "ALL YOU NEED FOR YOUR WEDDING" Gowns, Invitations, Flowers, Hair&Make-up, Sounds, Photo/Video, Cake, Host, Bubbles Church, Reception/Hotel reservation etc...
Paola Angela Paola Angela Nicomedes Coordinator • Designer GOWNS, FLOWERS, BALLOONS, INVITATIONS, SOUVENIRS, CAKES, SHOES & BAGS, MAKE-UP ARTIST, PHOTO & VIDEO, TRAVEL SERVICES SOUND SYSTEM, CATERING, BRIDAL CAR Tel.926-1034 Telefax.920-3083
The Cake Station 212 WILSON ST., SN JUAN Tcfc@pacific.net.ph "We bake art into our CAKES." ALL OCCASION CAKES 723-8220/726-0386/7251260
Josiah's Catering INCORPORATED 942-5738/941-7032/934-9252/8482669 info@josiahcatering.com www.josiahcatering.com
Tri-Chef's CATER CLUB 392 P. GUEVARRA ST., SN JUAN WEDDINGS • DEBUT CORP. EVENTS 723-8220 • 725-1419
BAY VIEW PARK HOTEL MANILA WEDDING PACKAGE RATE: FROM P 67,500 100 PAX GUEST 526-1555 / FAX 521-1285
HOTEL REMBRANDT www.hotelrembrandt.com.ph #26 TOMAS MORATO EXT., Q.C. SET MENU w/ AMENITIES P59,000.00 net/100PAX 373-3333 LOC.201-205
TEXT-STYLE AD AVAILABLE AT NOMINAL CHARGE EVERY SATURDAY INCREASE UR SALES [illegible]


zed™
We've unzipped some bird ring tones.
A bird in a cell phone is better than two in the bush. Which is why zed now offers bird ring tones that could really fool our feathered friends. Download some today. We have the tone for you, whether you want a nightingale, gull, or tern. But unfortunately, we don't have a cock.
TONE GULL
TONE BLACKTHROAT
TONE TERN
TONE YELLOWHAM
TONE DOTTEREL
TONE BUNTING
TONE CHAFFINCH
TONE NIGHTINGALE
How to download a ring tone:
TONE NIGHTINGALE
288
TONE RECEIVED.
1 Key-in keyword Example: TONE NIGHTINGALE
2 Send to 288.
3 Save upon receiving ring tone.
Download ring tones, logos and picture messages and you could win fantastic prizes with Get zed! Get loaded! To register, type in JOIN GETZ <name>/<address> and send to 288.
Available to SMART Gold, SMART Buddy and Talk 'N Text subscribers using selected Nokia cell phones. P12.00 for every successful download. For keywords of other zed services, type in KEYS and send to 288.
www.zed.com

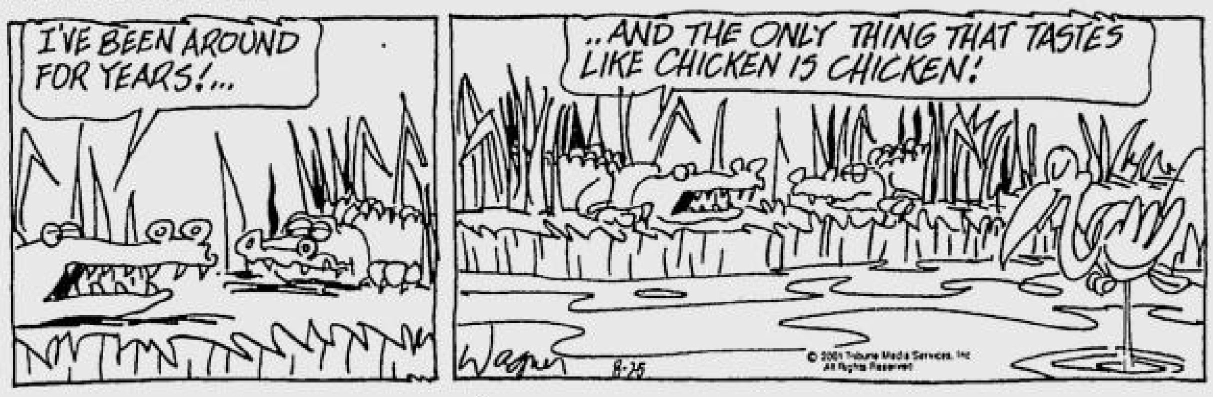
MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM

BY MIKE PETERS


BAD GRIMM! BAD BAD GRIMM!
MOM'S A CONSERVATIVE COMPASSIONIST.
8/25

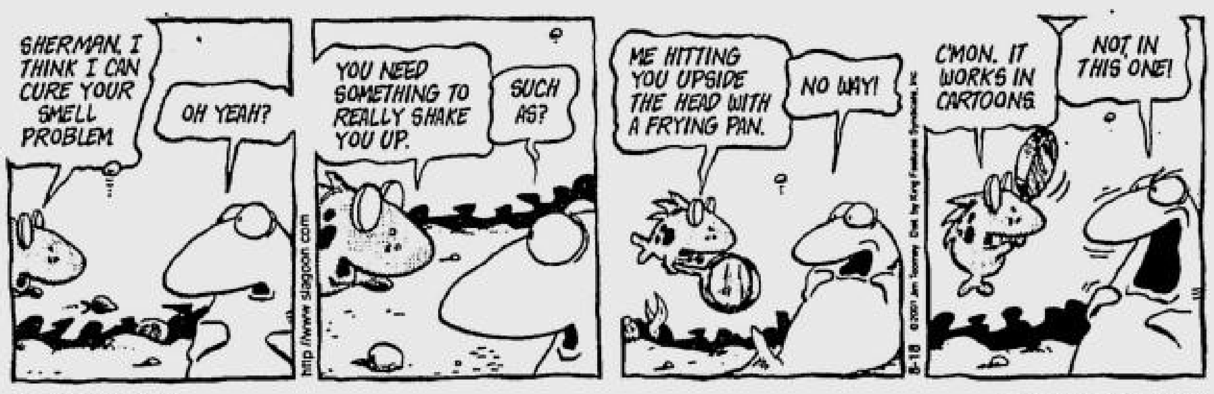
ANIMAL CRACKER

BY FRED WAGNER


I'VE BEEN AROUND FOR YEARS!...
..AND THE ONLY THING THAT TASTES LIKE CHICKEN IS CHICKEN!
Wagner 8-25
© 2001 Tribune Media Services, Inc All Rights Reserved

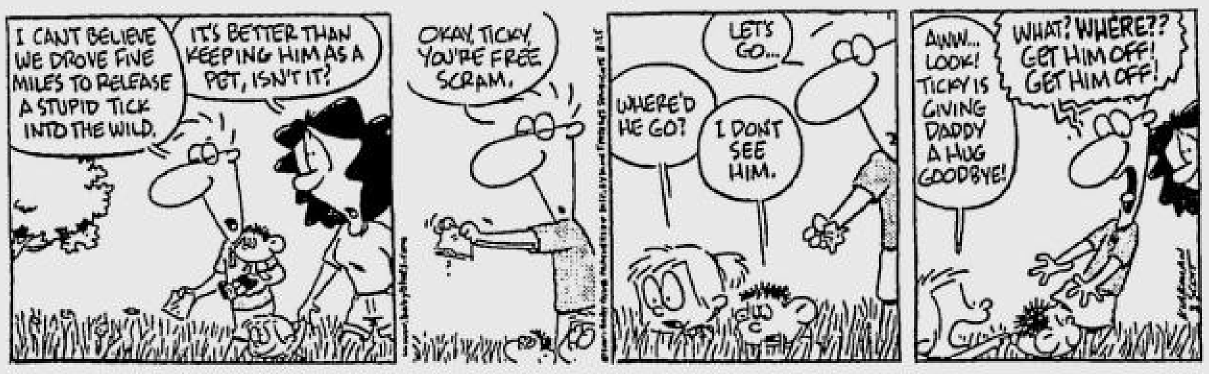
SHERMAN'S LAGOON

BY JIM TOOMEY


SHERMAN, I THINK I CAN CURE YOUR SMELL PROBLEM
OH YEAH?
YOU NEED SOMETHING TO REALLY SHAKE YOU UP.
SUCH AS?
ME HITTING YOU UPSIDE THE HEAD WITH A FRYING PAN.
NO WAY!
C'MON. IT WORKS IN CARTOONS.
NOT IN THIS ONE!
http://www.slagoon.com
8-18

BABY BLUES

BY JERRY SCOTT


I CAN'T BELIEVE WE DROVE FIVE MILES TO RELEASE A STUPID TICK INTO THE WILD.
IT'S BETTER THAN KEEPING HIM AS A PET, ISN'T IT?
OKAY, TICKY. YOU'RE FREE. SCRAM.
WHERE'D HE GO?
I DON'T SEE HIM.
LET'S GO...
AWW... LOOK! TICKY IS GIVING DADDY A HUG GOODBYE!
WHAT? WHERE?? GET HIM OFF! GET HIM OFF!

HOROSCOPE

BY EUGENIA LAST

TCELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Shari Belafonte, Tommy Lasorda, Joan Jett, Catherine Oxenberg, Scott Baio, Debby Boone

Happy Birthday: Prepare to take action, especially where travel, communication and education are concerned. You have the ability to make things happen, so don't stop just because you hit a couple of bumps along the way. Adventure will be the key to motivating you to do all the things that you have only dreamed about in the past. Your numbers: 11, 25, 32, 36, 40, 46

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You'll be ready to take on the world. You'll head any group you belong to. Short jaunts will be stimulating and the encounters you make will brighten your day and increase your knowledge.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Your high energy should be devoted to tending important investments or money matters . Have a heart-to-heart talk with family to discover what needs to be done to please them.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): This is the perfect day for love and romance. If you are already in a relationship, plan a special activity for you and your partner. If you're single, line up some friends and prepare to paint the town red.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Putting in some overtime or concentrating on your own business will be a satisfying and perhaps lucrative investment. You will be recognized for your efforts both at home and at work.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You've got the travel bug, but if you can't get away, at least start making plans when you can. You owe yourself a little R&R. You will be gregarious and social, so plan an evening of fun with friends or family.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You will have the opportunity for an interesting conversation. Your contributions will be valued and helpful. New friendships are likely, but be careful that you aren't the only one giving.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Social activity should be on the agenda today. Participate in sports activities that will benefit your physical appearance. Help friends or relatives complete projects they are having difficulty with.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You can make some money if you are willing to invest in yourself, your surroundings or your family. Listen to others' ideas. If you put your heads together, you may come up with a winner.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Evading important issues could back you into a corner. You're going to appear guilty if you don't lay your cards on the table. A series of misunderstandings may be at fault. Let down your guard and express your feelings.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Don't let the cat out of the bag. You are likely to reveal information unintentionally. Focus on investments, moneymaking deals and your house for best results.

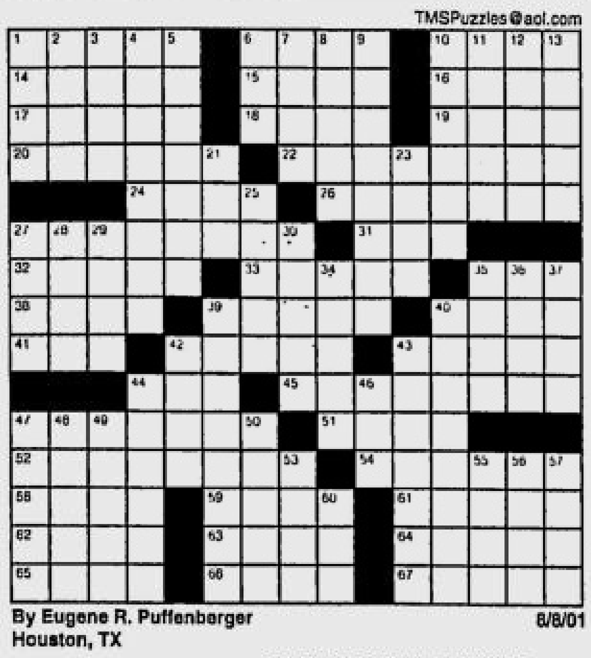
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Participating in mentally stimulating groups and socializing will introduce you to innovative and creative individuals. Children may play a role in what you are trying to do.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Love and romance are evident, but don't get involved with a co-worker. You will meet potential mates through friends or relatives if you catch up on gossip. Make plans for adventure travel.

Birthday Baby: You have courage and are a seeker of truth. As a philosopher and mediator, you will continue the search for wisdom throughout life.

DAILY CROSSWORD

TMSPuzzles@aol.com



By Eugene R. Puffenberger
Houston, TX

8/8/01

ACROSS
1 Russian villa
6 Shrubbery
10 Source of dietary fiber
14 Glasgow or Barkin
15 Eight: It.
16 Continental currency
17 Nautical direction
18 Brit's slammer
19 Regarding
20 Turned-down corner
22 Black-and-white cow
24 Achievement
26 Fletcher and Lasser
27 Not requested
31 Dampen
32 Approaches
33 Sequence
35 Name
38 Look after
39 Removed moisture
40 "Pretty Woman" man
41 Peculiar
42 Of punishment
43 Nappy leather
44 Muscular spasm
45 Drank like a dog
47 Nullified
51 Calendar span
52 Brown-and-white cow
54 Growing for a season
58 __ of March
59 "__ Zapata!"
61 Newspaper edition
62 Low-cal
63 Tanguay and Gabor
64 Look after
65 Tight closure
66 Lairs
67 Green tea

DOWN
1 Deceased
2 Rival rival
3 Stop up
4 Reddish cow with white markings
5 Mythical giant
6 Cranberry patch
7 Western state
8 Counter perch
9 Formed a concavity
10 Get lost!
11 Subterfuges
12 Musician Shaw
13 Middays
21 Joplin tune
23 Litigant
25 Rose sticker
27 Golden rule word
28 Requirement
29 Author George
30 Court action
34 Put off
35 Title paper
36 Pakistani tongue
37 Horn signal
39 Misled
40 Brown-and-white cow
42 Heart of the matter
43 Toledo tongue
44 Dangling ornament
46 Vegetable sphere
47 Manicurist's targets
48 Gorme of song
49 Actress Garbo
50 Tee shot
53 Author Hunter
55 Manipulates
56 Biography beginning?
57 Writer Uris
60 Ninnyhammer

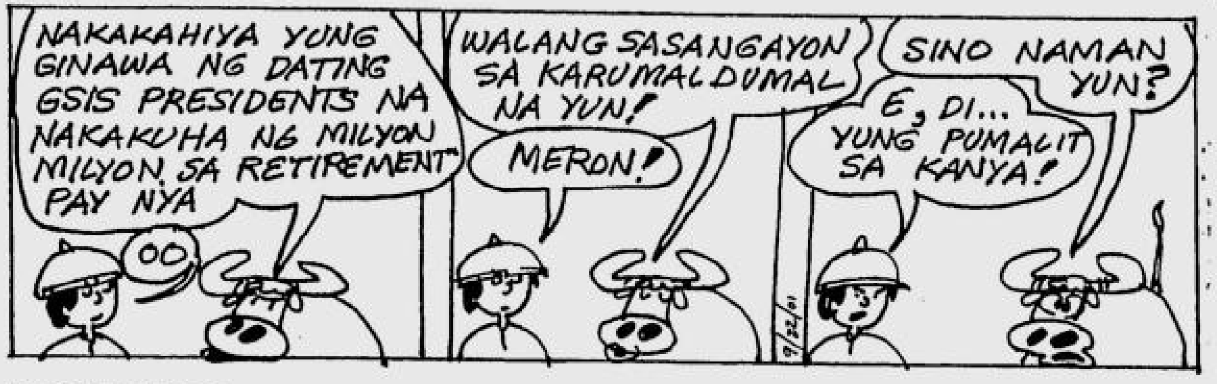
PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

H	A	S	P	■	P	A	S	S	E	■	B	A	T	S
O	S	H	A	■	E	R	I	C	A	■	A	D	I	T
W	H	I	T	E	W	A	T	E	R	■	Y	A	L	E
T	E	R	R	A	■	B	E	N	D	■	O	M	E	N
O	N	T	I	M	E	■	S	E	R	I	F	■	■	■
■	■	■	■	O	L	D	■	S	U	S	P	E	N	D
B	R	O	W	N	I	E	S	■	M	A	I	T	A	I
L	A	V	A	■	■	S	A	O	■	■	G	R	U	B
E	L	A	T	E	D	■	M	I	N	D	S	E	T	S
D	E	L	E	T	E	S	■	L	E	I	■	■	■	■
■	■	■	R	E	S	T	S	■	E	S	T	A	T	E
S	T	A	G	■	P	A	P	A	■	C	O	L	O	R
T	A	R	A	■	I	R	A	N	C	O	N	T	R	A
E	X	I	T	■	S	E	N	N	A	■	E	A	T	S
W	I	D	E	■	E	S	S	A	Y	■	R	I	S	E

(C)2001 Tribune Media Services, Inc
All rights reserved.
8/8/01

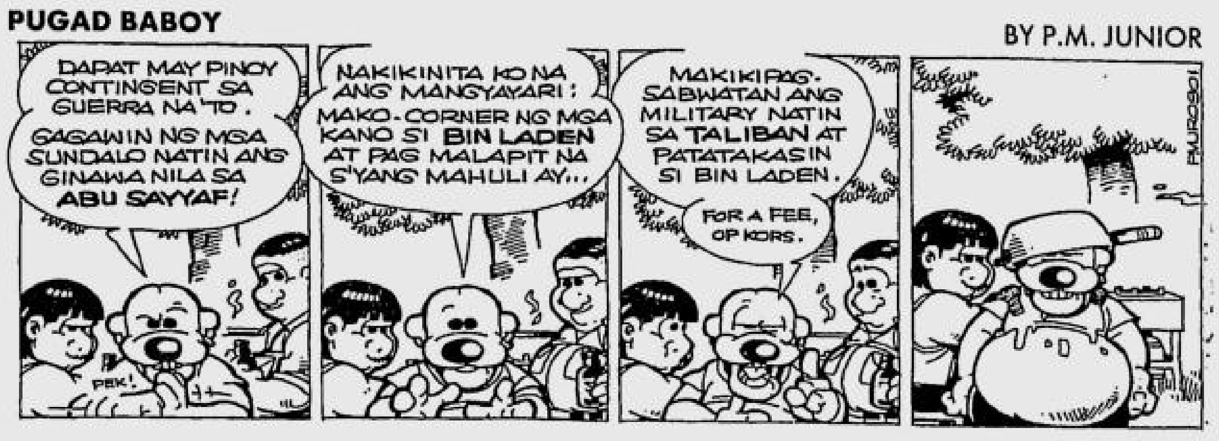
A. LIPIN

BY JESS ABRERA


NAKAKAHIYA YUNG GINAWA NG DATING GSIS PRESIDENTS NA NAKAKUHA NG MILYON MILYON SA RETIREMENT PAY NYA
WALANG SASANGAYON SA KARUMALDUMAL NA YUN!
MERON!
SINO NAMAN YUN?
E, DI... YUNG PUMALIT SA KANYA!
9/22/01

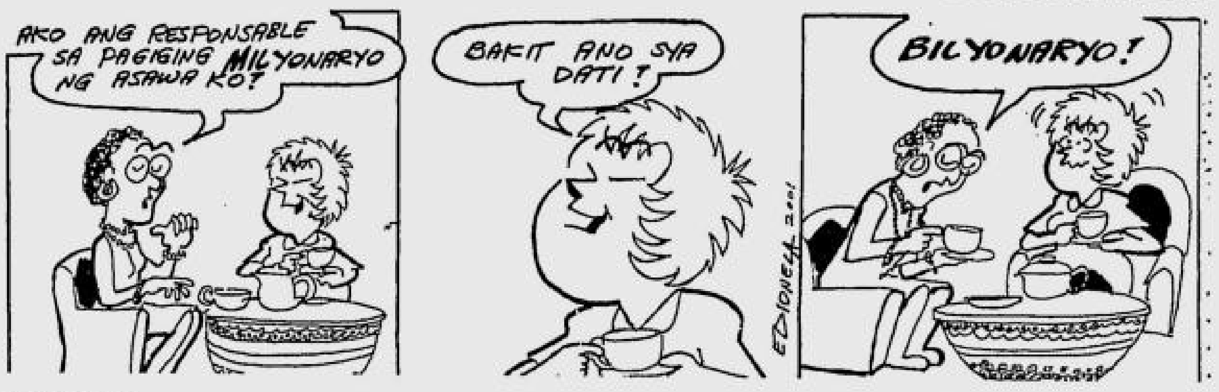
PUGAD BABOY

BY P.M. JUNIOR


DAPAT MAY PINOY CONTINGENT SA GUERRA NA 'TO.
GAGAWIN NG MGA SUNDALO NATIN ANG GINAWA NILA SA ABU SAYYAF!
PEK!
NAKIKINITA KO NA ANG MANGYAYARI: MAKO-CORNER NG MGA KANO SI BIN LADEN AT PAG MALAPIT NA S'YANG MAHULI AY...
MAKIKIPAG-SABWATAN ANG MILITARY NATIN SA TALIBAN AT PATATAKASIN SI BIN LADEN.
FOR A FEE, OF KORS.
PMJR0901

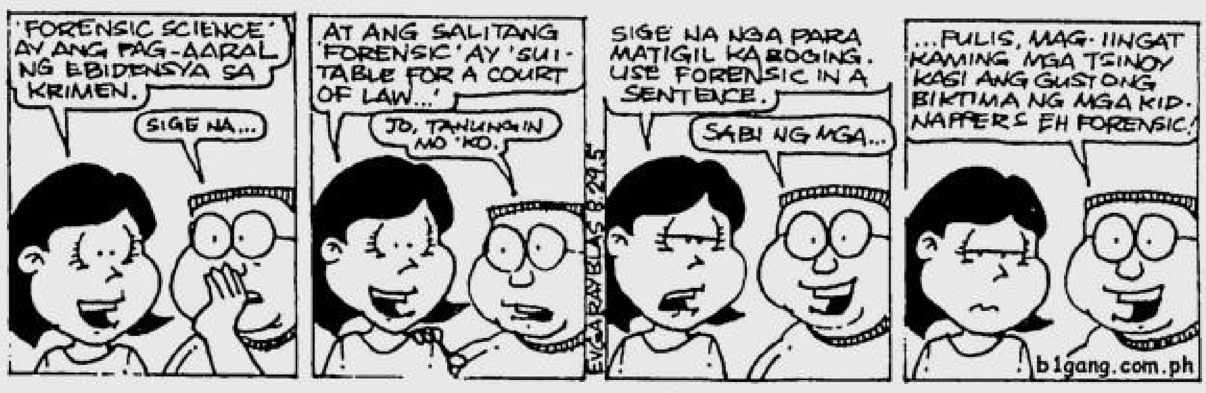
SIMO

BY EDGAR DIONELA


AKO ANG RESPONSABLE SA PAGIGING MILYONARYO NG ASAWA KO?
BAKIT ANO SYA DATI?
BILYONARYO!
EDIONELA 2001

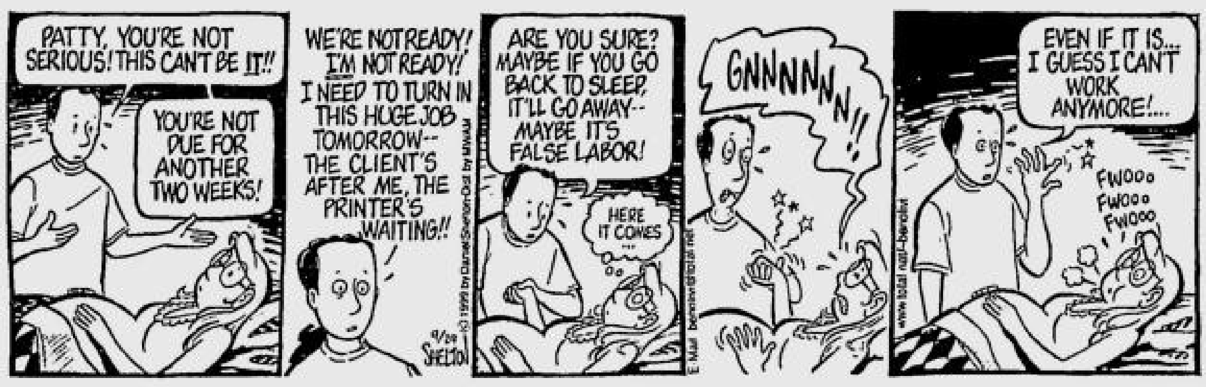
B1 GANG

BY ATS11/ JEA/ FEVG


'FORENSIC SCIENCE' AY ANG PAG-AARAL NG EBIDENSYA SA KRIMEN.
SIGE NA...
AT ANG SALITANG 'FORENSIC' AY 'SUITABLE FOR A COURT OF LAW...'
JO, TANUNGIN MO 'KO.
SIGE NA NGA PARA MATIGIL KA BOGING. USE FORENSIC IN A SENTENCE.
SABI NG MGA...
...PULIS, MAG-IINGAT KAMING MGA TSINOY KASI ANG GUSTONG BIKTIMA NG MGA KIDNAPPERS EH FORENSIC!
b1gang.com.ph

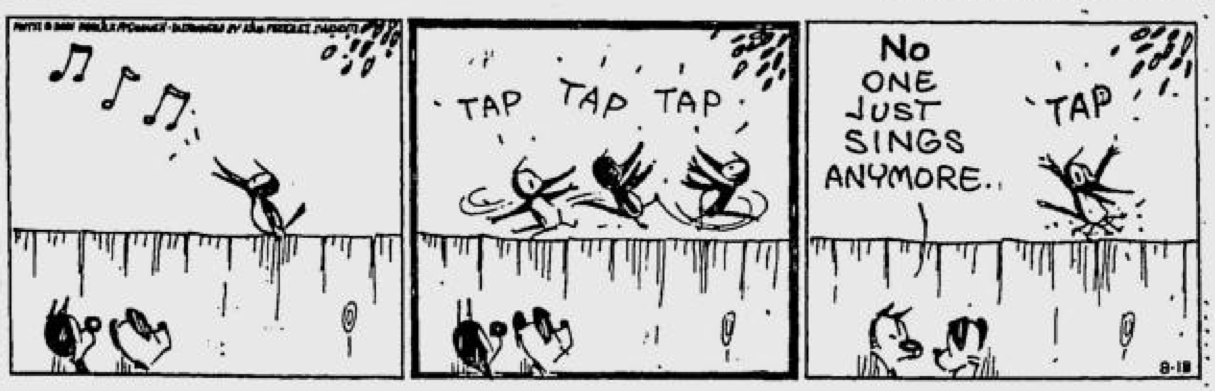
BEN

BY DANIEL SHELTON


PATTY, YOU'RE NOT SERIOUS! THIS CAN'T BE IT!!
YOU'RE NOT DUE FOR ANOTHER TWO WEEKS!
WE'RE NOT READY! I'M NOT READY! I NEED TO TURN IN THIS HUGE JOB TOMORROW-- THE CLIENT'S AFTER ME, THE PRINTER'S WAITING!!
ARE YOU SURE? MAYBE IF YOU GO BACK TO SLEEP, IT'LL GO AWAY-- MAYBE IT'S FALSE LABOR!
HERE IT COMES
GNNNNNN!!
EVEN IF IT IS... I GUESS I CAN'T WORK ANYMORE!...
FWOOO FWOOO FWOOO
SHELTON

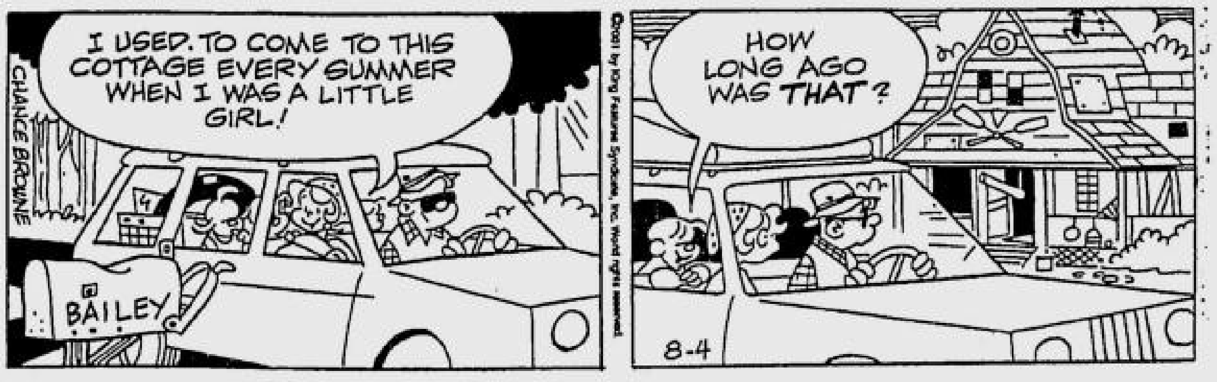
MUTTS

BY PATRICK McDONNELL


TAP TAP TAP
NO ONE JUST SINGS ANYMORE.
TAP
8-18

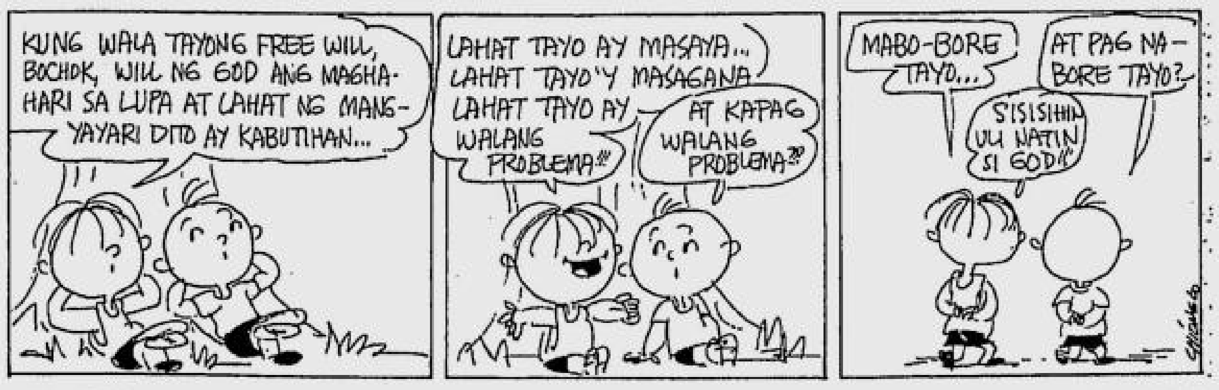
HI AND LOIS

BY BRIAN & GREG WALKER


I USED TO COME TO THIS COTTAGE EVERY SUMMER WHEN I WAS A LITTLE GIRL!
HOW LONG AGO WAS THAT?
BAILEY
CHANCE BROWNE
8-4

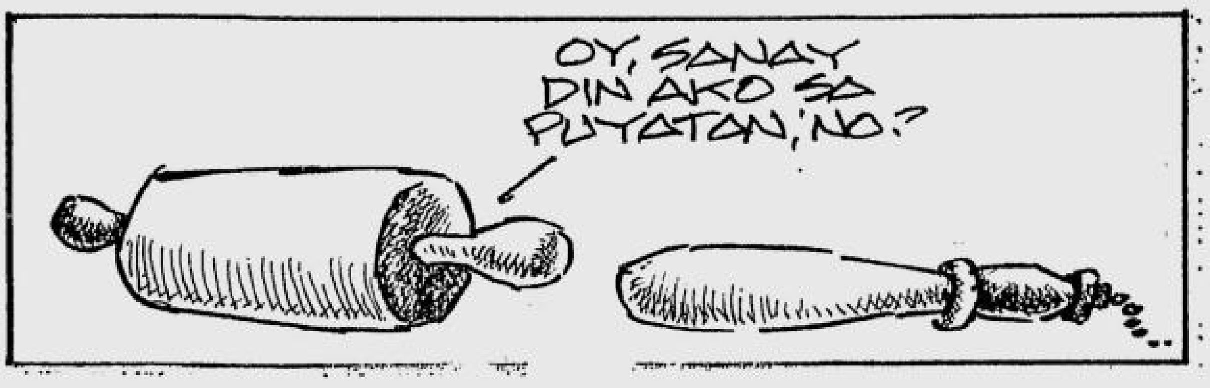
LOVEKNOTS

BY ELIZABETH CHIONGLO


KUNG WALA TAYONG FREE WILL, BOCHOK, WILL NG GOD ANG MAGHAHARI SA LUPA AT LAHAT NG MANGYAYARI DITO AY KABUTIHAN...
LAHAT TAYO AY MASAYA... LAHAT TAYO'Y MASAGANA LAHAT TAYO AY WALANG PROBLEMA!!!
AT KAPAG WALANG PROBLEMA??
MABO-BORE TAYO...
AT PAG NA-BORE TAYO?
SISISIHIN ULI NATIN SI GOD!

TULDOK

BY PAPU & TATUM MILAMBILING


OY, SANAY DIN AKO SA PUYATAN, NO?

Studio 23 celebrates fifth anniversary

AFTER mounting raves to introduce audiences to the likes of "Charmed" and "Dawson's Creek," Studio 23 is poised to outdo itself with an event to top all events. Join the station on Oct. 6 as it celebrates its fifth anniversary with five simultaneous parties set at the Power Plant Mall in Rockwell Center, Makati.

Meanwhile, the party mood extends to the network's on-air entertainment. Stay tuned as Studio 23 unleashes its primetime programming for the last trimester of 2001.

Reality TV

What happens when four couples are flown to a deserted island, separated from each other, and introduced to some of the most desirable people ever to walk the planet? All is fair in love and war in the controversial "Temptation Island" (Sept. 30, 9:30 p.m.), a series that unravels immediately from Season 1 to 2 to whet your appetite for intrigues.

And it's a jungle out there when castaways cope with the elements and each other in the much awaited "Survivor: Africa" (Oct. 12, 7:30 p.m.). Filipino audiences can catch the third installment of this global phenomenon right after its premiere telecast in the US on Oct. 11.

Fright nights

Treat yourself to back-to-back "fright nights" with a group of misfits blessed—or cursed—with paranormal powers in "The Others" (premiered Sept. 4, 8:30 p.m.), followed by a family's eerie on-location adventures inside an actual haunted house in "Scariest Places On Earth" (premiered Sept. 5, 7:30 p.m.). Actress Linda Blair of "The Exorcist" fame hosts each hair-raising episode.

Youth TV

Finally, a reunion with the kids that put the cool in school! The ever-popular "Popular" returns with a second season of hilarious high school antics (premiered Sept. 4, 7:30 p.m.) from clique-conscious stepsisters Sam and Brooke. For the more serious side of teen life, there's "Dark Angel" (premiered Sept. 17, 8 p.m.). Hot star Jessica Alba stars as a genetically engineered crime fighter who kicks bad-guy butt when she isn't searching for her missing siblings. "Titanic" director James Cameron mans the helm of this futuristic series set in Seattle 2019.

JESSICA Alba plays a genetically-engineered crimefighter.

WHICH relationship(s) will end after four couples spend time on "Temptation Island"?

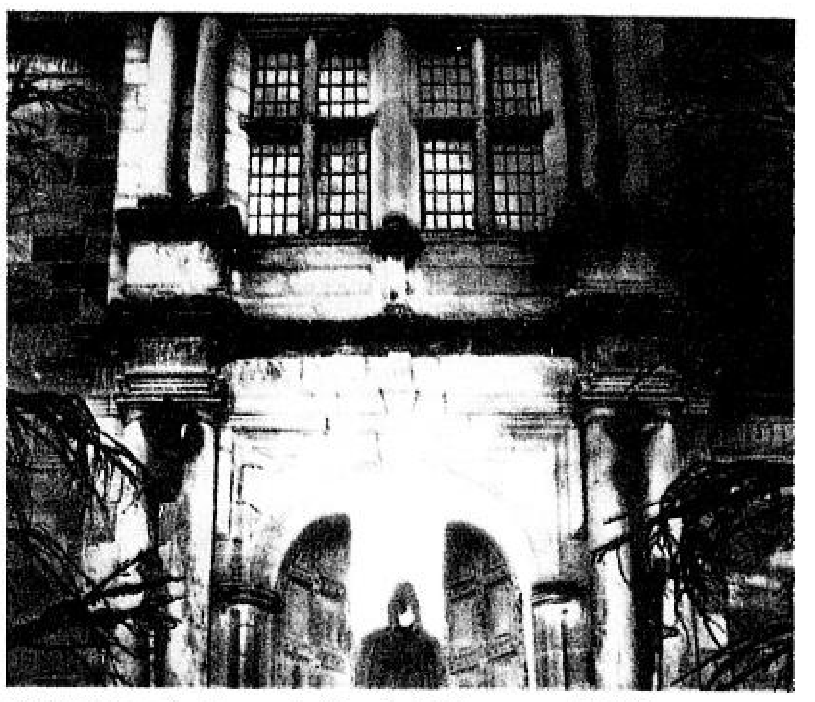
Comedy

Wacky woman Kirstie Alley reprises her role as love and lingerie queen Ronnie Chase in the third season of "Veronica's Closet (Oct. 14, 8:30 p.m.) while the demented David Spade is the eccentric assistant of a fluffy fashion magazine in all-new episodes of "Just Shoot Me" (Oct. 16, 9:30 p.m.). Original TV witch Elizabeth Montgomery casts magic and humor with a twitch of her nose in the timeless 30-minute series "Bewitched" (Oct. 18, 7 p.m.). And in "Oh Grow Up" (Nov. 2001), the joke's on a playboy bachelor when his alleged 18-year-old daughter lives with him and his roommates—an artist and a homosexual.

Drama

Craig T. Nelson is National Capital chief of police in "The District" (Oct. 3, 8:30 p.m.), an unorthodox action drama that pits him in sensitive scenes with his black-dominated piece force. Kyle Chandler's no stranger to drama, having experienced it on a daily basis in "Early Edition" (Sept. 15, 7:30 p.m.). Now on its fourth and final season, the Emmy-nominated series casts Kyle as an Average Joe who receives tomorrow's news today.

CRAIG Nelson is an unorthodox police commisioner in "The District."


A REAL haunted house in "Scariest Places on Earth."

Annual screenwriting contest attracts entries from new and veteran writers alike

BY NESTOR U. TORRE

VIEWFINDER

Nestor U. Torre

SINCE it was launched six years ago, the Film Development Foundation's Annual Screenwriting Competition has produced a significant number of winning scripts by new writers that have either been produced or have been bought by movie companies for filming in the future.

Those scripts include "Sentensiyado," "Ang Kriminal ng Barrio Concepcion," "Kasal, Kasali, Kasalo," "Biyaheng Timog," Santa Santita," "Ada," and "Pantasma." In addition, contest winners have written other scripts for TV-film producers on the lookout for outstanding new writing talents.

That's why the FDFPI's annual screenwriting contest attracts a lot of entries from new and veteran writers alike. The contest is on again this year. A total of P220,000 cash prizes await 10 finalists: P70,000 for first prize, P50,000 for second, P30,000 for third, and P10,000 each for the seven other finalists.

The screenplay must be for a full-length feature film written in Filipino or English, or a combination of both. It must be unproduced and should not have won any award in a writing competition.

The contest sets no limits on point of subject matter or theme, leaving all participants free to give their creativity full play.

For more details, call the Film Program and Coordination Unit of the FDFPI at 551-466 and 832-1125, locals 2113, 2114, 2115 and 2116 (ask for Linda, Lilette Fely or Maxie).

Jeffrey Ching's works performed in special concert

The Manila Chamber Orchestra Foundation, in cooperation with the Foundation for the Musical Filipino and Equitable-PCI Bank, will present the works of gifted composer Jeffrey Ching in a special concert at 7 p.m. on Sept. 30 at the Francisco Santiago Hall of E-PCI Bank.

Performing Ching's works are Renato Lucas (cellist), Nita Abrogar-Quinto (pianist), Lisa Cabahug (soprano), Nolyn Cabahug (tenor), Coke Bolipata (violinist) and Greg Zuniega (pianist).

Jeffrey Ching was born in Manila, and started composing at age 10. Among his approximately 230 works are the three-act opera "Rendevous in Venice," two full-length ballet scores, three symphonies, 11 piano sonatas and numerous chamber pieces.

His most recent work, "Terra Kytaorum" for 10 brass and two percussionists, was commissioned by the well-regarded Berlin ensemble Weltblech (World Brass), which premiered it in Berlin in January 2001.

Ching is currently completing a doctorate in composition from the University of London with a five-act opera on the rise and fall of the first emperor of China.

To be performed in the Sept. 30 concert are "Piano Trio No. 1" "Piano Trio No. 2," "Wedding Music," "Souvenir des Songs," "Souvenir des Tang," "Terra Kytaorum," "Poet and pedant," and the Finale from "Piano Sonata No. 1 in F Major." Call the MCO Foundation at 840-7000 locals 2258 and 2630.

Other performers include the Manila Symphony Orchestra Strings and Woodwind Quintet, and the Manila Brass Quintet.

The Westin's street party

It's a grand celebration as the Westin Philippine Plaza mark its 25th anniversary on Friday, Sept. 28 with The Westin Weekend, a Silver Street Party in front of the PICC featuring the Rage band and other bands from Siete Pecados.

Other activities from Thursday to Sunday include the anti-piracy advocacy concert, "Thank you for the Music" on Sept. 27 at the Westin's Plaza Ballroom, with some of the country's top singers performing.

Movie studios react to attack

(From page F1)

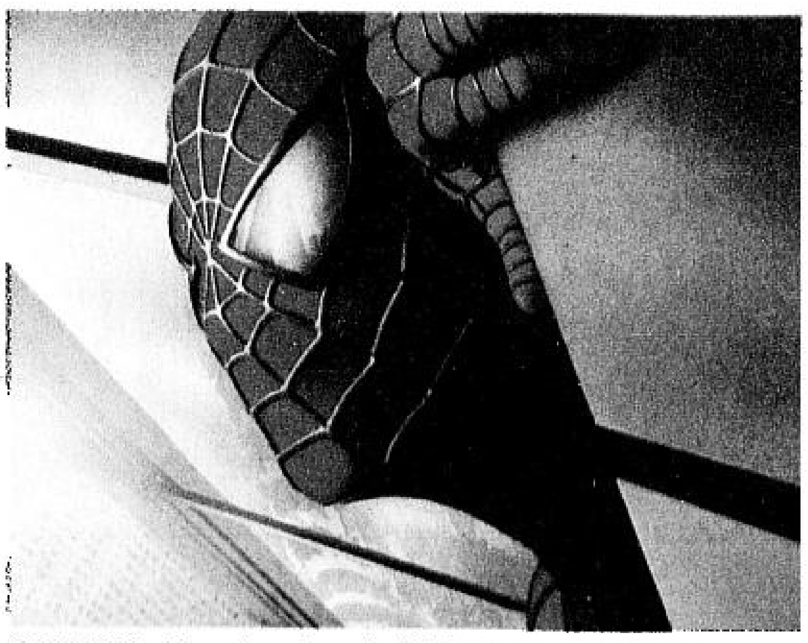
Sony yanked a trailer for next summer's "Spider Man," in which bad guys get trapped in a spider web strung between the two towers of the World Trade Center. A Sony spokeswoman says the sequence was used in the trailer but not the film.

"Due to the devastating events that took place yesterday and out of respect for those involved, Sony Pictures Entertainment is requesting that all "Spider Man" teaser posters and trailers be taken down and returned to the studio," Sony said in a statement. The film's posters and publicity materials show the World Trade Center towers reflected in Spider Man's mask.

"The decision was an easy one," Geoffrey Ammer, Columbia Tri Star's president of marketing says. "It's based on humanity. No cost (of editing) can outweigh the sensitivity of the issue."

Most Hollywood studios temporarily ceased production on their films after receiving word of the catastrophe. Nearly all movie chains closed their theaters in big cities.

Shooting on Sonnenfeld's "Men in Black II" on Sony's Culver City, California lot ground to a halt, while Fox suspended work on its animated flick, "The Ice Age," currently being assembled at Blue Sky Studios in suburban White Plains, New York.


"**SPIDER** Man's" posters show the World Trade Center reflected in his mask.

Usher's 'My Way' no escapist fare

BY POCHOLO CONCEPCION

MORE talk on rhythm and blues, a form of music that first caught our attention in the '50s (precursor of rock n' roll), peaked in the '60s (a.k.a. soul), mutated in the '70s (disco), reinvented itself in the '80s (hip hop) and whose presence is still felt in contemporary trends.

The dictionary defines it as "a style of American popular music, influenced by the blues and characterized by a strong beat. Rock n' roll derives from it." It has, therefore, been the source of inspiration of some of the best and most influential artists in the 20th century.

R&B idols

A quick roll call of legendary R&B idols would naturally include James Brown, Aretha Franklin, the Temptations, Smokey Robinson, Jackson 5, Martha and the Vandellas, Wilson Pickett, Otis Redding, Marvin Gaye and the list could go on and on. But for the diehard R&B fan, almost every year, it seems, produces its crop of R&B stars.

Do we have reason then to believe that the year 2001 belongs to somebody who calls himself Usher?

The facts: "My Way," his 1997 debut album, sold seven million copies. That album contained, among others, the chart-topping singles "You Make Me Wanna" (winner of an MTV award) and "Nice and Slow" (which was number one for four straight weeks abroad). His sold-out tours with artists like Mary J. Blige, Janet Jackson and P. Diddy (formerly known as Puff Daddy) have won for him a solid fan base.

Usher has also emerged as a promising actor with his work in four movies.

Various awards

Nominated twice in the Grammys, Usher has already won three Billboard Music Awards, a Soul Train Award, two ASCAP Awards and other recognitions that make it hard for us to imagine that he's only 22.

As we write this, it is very late at night and Usher's latest CD titled "8701" (Arista/BMG Pilipinas) is blasting at high volume in a desolate office building in the heart of Manila. What is the relevance, you ask, of listening to this stuff that in the first place belongs to the black homeboys of America?

Well, it's not hard to figure out. In spite of the hype, it's worth accepting the proposition that the carrier song "U Remind Me" – in Usher's own words – "represents what R&B is in the year 2001."

It's kind of a sweeping statement. Although the sentiments he has expressed in the upbeat love ditty are not that earthshaking, the reality is that Usher succeeds in overturning the skeptic's view of contemporary rhythm and blues as nothing but escapist music.

Flights of fancy

There's nothing wrong, in fact, with the momentary flights of fancy the listener could take – the minute Usher's music gets into your system. It allows one to "escape" life's pains by way of mind-refreshing thoughts that sustain the temporal body's strength for survival.

Usher's 17-track output has songs that reaffirm the enduring values of faith, hope and love – not in a thoroughly spiritual sense but more of a dogged belief in attaining happiness through the pursuit of romance.

A lot of the other cuts ("I Don't Know," "Work It Out," "U Got It Bad," "Pop Ya Collar," "Hottest Thing") win us over with the following factors: smooth but solid grooves, hook-filled melodies, simple yet penetrating lyrics, and Usher's high-flying but steady vocals.

Usher says he had wanted to make an album with songs that could appeal to everyone. He was supposed to have analyzed himself as an artist and emerged with this realization: "I'm really like a rapper who sings. I like to tell stories in my songs."

Soulful singing

The rapping is not so evident until the latter half of the album. What's more noticeable is Usher's expressive, soulful singing, especially the earnest-sounding emotions in his counterpoint phrasing that, overall, translates into a concrete example of great R&B music.

Buy the CD and be ready to get bowled over by feet tapping, head bobbing and hip swaying along with Usher. Even the slow and mid-tempo numbers ("Without U," "Can U Help Me," "How Do I Say," "Separated") could reawaken one's sensitive side.

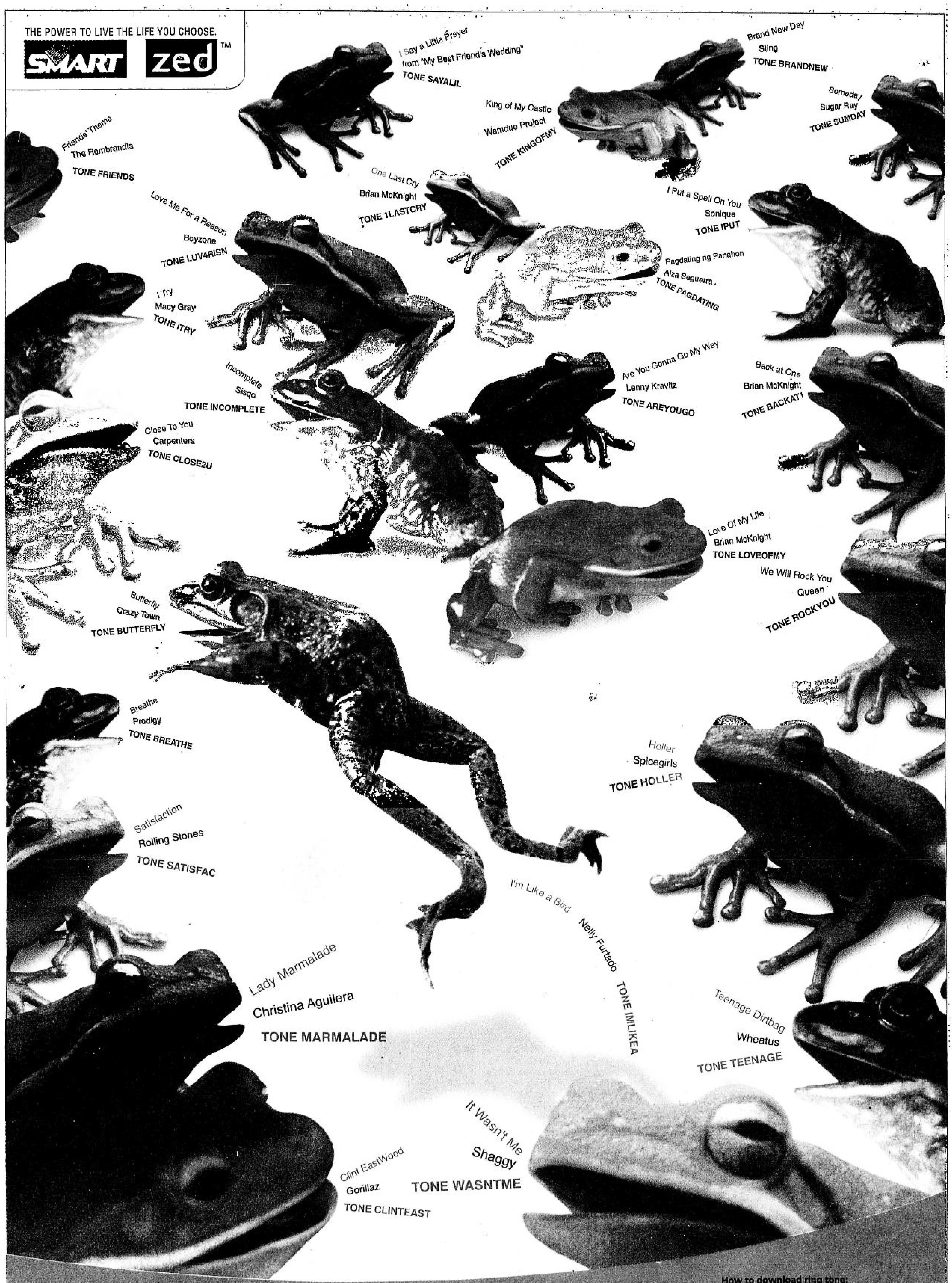
USHER'S music gets into your system.

'XYZ' features unique women's jobs

RAYE Baquirin, Lala Roque and Delle Arias get together for a good char about unique women and their unique jobs in the XYZ program on ANC Channel 21 on Saturday, Sept. 22 from 7 to 8 p.m. They call this episode "My Way" because these fantastic women are doing what they want to do and making good money out of it. One of them is in the beauty business, another lives dangerously as a stunt woman, two run a barber shop and on the Body Talk segment, they'll talk about "Working it Off" which means getting rid of stress and tension through yoga and the like. Not to be missed folks!

THE POWER TO LIVE THE LIFE YOU CHOOSE.

SMART zed™



I Say a Little Prayer from "My Best Friend's Wedding"		TONE SAYALIL
Brand New Day	Sting	TONE BRANDNEW
Friends' Theme	The Rembrandts	TONE FRIENDS
King of My Castle	Wamdue Project	TONE KINGOFMY
Someday	Sugar Ray	TONE SUMDAY
One Last Cry	Brian McKnight	TONE 1LASTCRY
Love Me For a Reason	Boyzone	TONE LUV4RISN
I Put a Spell On You	Sonique	TONE IPUT
Pagdating ng Panahon	Aiza Seguerra	TONE PAGDATING
I Try	Macy Gray	TONE ITRY
Incomplete	Sisqo	TONE INCOMPLETE
Are You Gonna Go My Way	Lenny Kravitz	TONE AREYOUGO
Back at One	Brian McKnight	TONE BACKAT1
Close To You	Carpenters	TONE CLOSE2U
Love Of My Life	Brian McKnight	TONE LOVEOFMY
We Will Rock You	Queen	TONE ROCKYOU
Butterfly	Crazy Town	TONE BUTTERFLY
Breathe	Prodigy	TONE BREATHE
Holler	Spicegirls	TONE HOLLER
Satisfaction	Rolling Stones	TONE SATISFAC
I'm Like a Bird	Nelly Furtado	TONE IMLIKEA
Lady Marmalade	Christina Aguilera	TONE MARMALADE
Teenage Dirtbag	Wheatus	TONE TEENAGE
It Wasn't Me	Shaggy	TONE WASNTME
Clint EastWood	Gorillaz	TONE CLINTEAST

Hop to the latest, hippest ring tones.

Just let your old ring tones croak. Download a new ring tone from SMART zed. With all the latest tunes to choose from, you're sure to find just the right one for your celfone. So get these 'ribit'-ing ring tones today. C'mon, hop to it!

How to download ring tone:

TONE MARMALADE	288	RINGTONE RECEIVED
Type in TONE <keyword> Ex: TONE MARMALADE	Send to 288.	Save upon receiving ring tone.

Ring tones are supported by selected Nokia handsets. P12.00 for every successful download.

SMART

Simply Amazing!

Available through:

SMART GOLD

SMART Buddy

To get a list of keywords for other SMART zed services, type KEYS and send to 288.

For more info, visit www.smart.com.ph

Sana magkaroon na ng kapayapaan sa buong mundo!

Junior
INQUIRER

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2001 ✦ 12 PAGES ✦ VOLUME 5, NUMBER 50

WWW.INQ7.NET

WHAT'S INSIDE:

● Workshops Page 4
● Oceanic Poetry Page 6
● Iggy Ipis: Two Terrible Kingdoms Page 11
● The Lunch Box Page 12

Why was the U.S. attacked?

How can we as kids understand what happened and what can we do. See main story on Page 3

MOURNING. More than 2,000 participants gather in Washington Park in Manitowoc, Wisconsin, in the United States with candles lit, paying tribute and honor to those who died during the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on America. *AP*

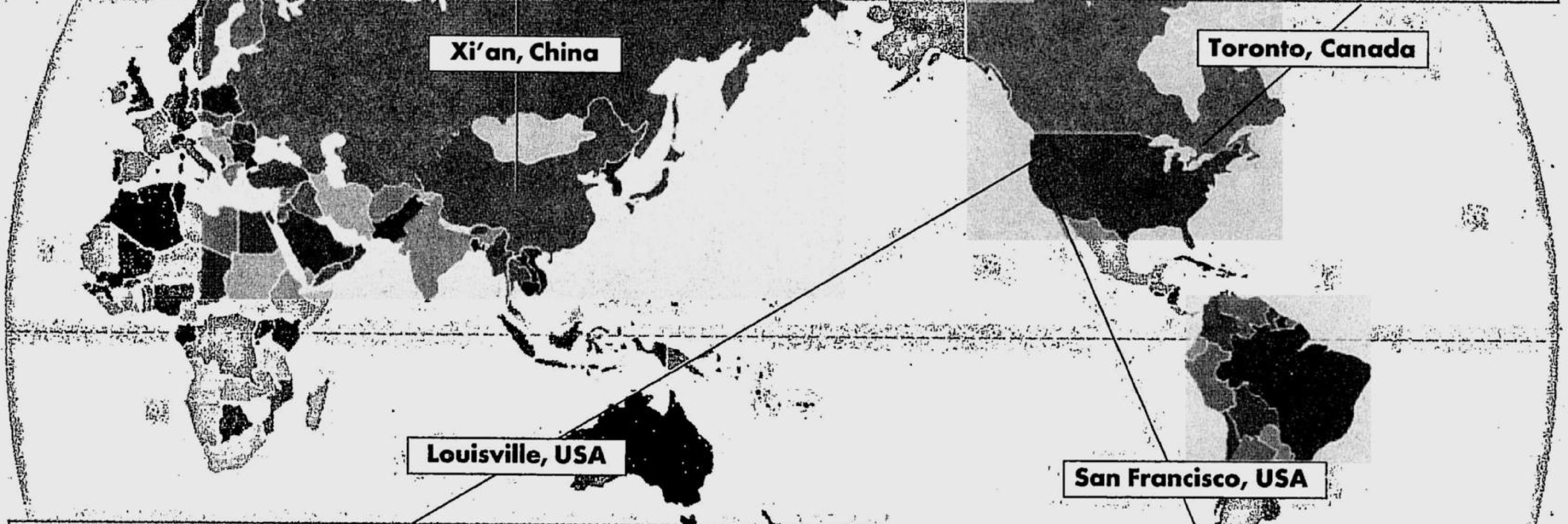
WORLD SCOPE

A Day for Twins

FU Yuchen, left, holds her twin sister Fu Yuxi's face during a photocall in Xi'an, capital city of northwest China's Shaanxi province. Some 1,000 twins were in Xi'an for a gathering for twins in China. ***AP***

New 'Darth Vader' is Flavor of the Millennium

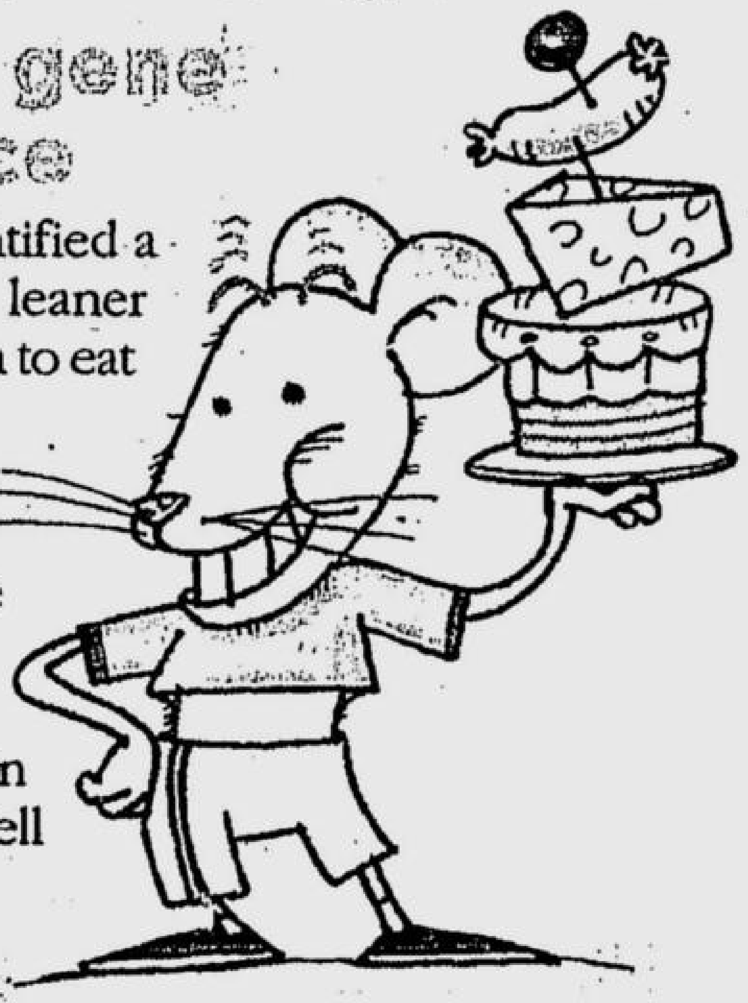
BEFORE the hoopla begins for the new Star Wars movie, actor Hayden Christensen has a chance to show that he can be more than just the new Darth Vader. "It was important to me to get a film out before 'Star Wars' and really be unrecognizable with the audience," said Christensen said while promoting "Life as a House." Christensen was a 20-year-old little-known Canadian actor until he was named the next Darth Vader. ***Reuters***



More artificial hearts possible

THE COMPANY that developed a self-contained artificial heart hopes to have 15 implanted by the middle of next year, according to a spokesman. "Quite frankly, if things continue to go as well as they've gone for the first patient, those time frames are going to be very easy to achieve. If everything goes super well, we'll beat them," Ed Berger, a spokesman for Abiomed Inc. Robert Tools of Franklin became the first recipient of a plastic and titanium Abiocor heart in a July 2 operation at Jewish Hospital in Louisville. Tools were removed from the intensive care unit last week. No other patients have received an artificial heart, but five or six patients are being screened at the hospital each week, said Dr. Laman Gray, one of Tools' surgeons. ***AP***

Fat-melting gene found in mice



SCIENTISTS have identified a gene that gives mice leaner bodies and allows them to eat a diet high in fat without gaining weight. The gene, called FOXC2, could provide the basis for obesity treatment in humans, the researchers report in the Sept. 7 issue of Cell magazine. ***Reuters***

Attacks on the U.S.

JI Q&A

ON SEPT. 11, two planes crashed into two towers of the World Trade Center in New York City in the United States. After a few minutes, another plane crashed into the Pentagon, the US' top military headquarters and another crashed into a field somewhere near Pittsburgh.

What does this news mean to us here in the Philippines? JUNIOR INQUIRER answers questions you might have about last week's terribly sad and confusing events.

Is this World War III?

Everyone has been asking this question ever since news spread about the terrorist attacks in the US. Let's stick to the facts. The US has not declared war on any country. It has, instead, declared war against terrorism. Terrorism is the act of using violence to make a political or religious point.

US officials suspect that renegade Saudi millionaire Osama bin Laden and the Taliban are behind the attacks. But these people have denied having had anything to do with the terrorist moves.

There was a time when people thought that the war against Saddam Hussein was World War III. Maybe we should all concentrate more on what we can do to make sure this doesn't get any worse.

Who is Osama bin Laden?

Bin Laden was born in Saudi Arabia but now lives in Afghanistan. He has been critical of the United States and its policies over the years.

International experts claim he has used his money to pay for terrorist operations around the world. He has been connected with bombings of two US government buildings in Africa in 1998 that killed 224 people and last year's attack on the U.S.S. Cole in Yemen.

Who are the Taliban?

There was a time when the Taliban was just a group of Islamic scholars. In 1994, they were appointed by Islamabad to protect a convoy trying to open up a trade route between Pakistan and Central Asia. After several years, the Taliban not only became a military group that increasingly gained control of Afghanistan. It also became known for its very strict and purist practice of the Islamic faith. They have banned television, music and cinema in Afghanistan and forbid girls from going to school or women from working. These policies have put them in conflict with nations all over the world. Although the United Nations does not recognize the Taliban, the group now controls 90 percent of Afghanistan.

Where is Afghanistan?

Sandwiched between the Middle East, Central Asia and the Indian Subcontinent, Afghanistan has suffered through many wars. Although its landscape is rugged and forbidding, its location is strategic for trade. Today, Afghanistan's economy and much of its infrastructure is in ruins. A third of the Afghan population has fled abroad—despairing of a future at home.

Will it be safe here at home?

Our government is now on alert for possible security problems here. For example, there are stricter checks at the airports.

But still, we should all do our share in making sure everyone is safe. Always be alert. Always tell your parents where you plan to go and who you will be with. Report suspicious-

Attacks/ p.10

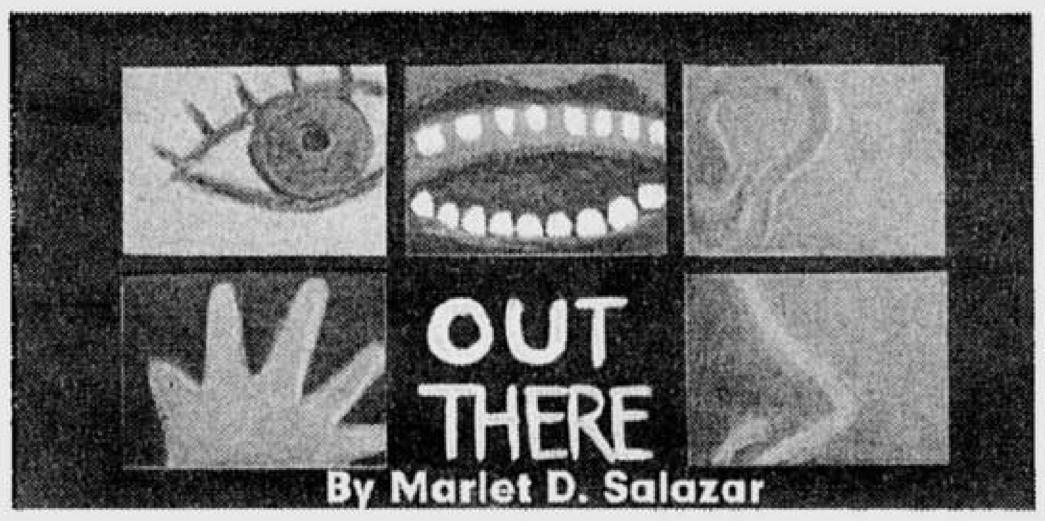
LET'S NOT FIGHT. Two American women hold hands while praying during a special service at a Christian church in in Westlake Village, California. The woman on the left—Bita Makanvand, a Muslim—visited the church with other Muslim friends. "Let's all join in God's love, not the evil and hate that is all around us," said Wafaa Khattab, Makanvand's companion. *AP*

Masaya ka ba sa iyong trabaho?

There's a career in here.

PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER
JOB MARKET
Where You Find the Best

www.inquirer.net/jobmarket



OUT THERE

By Marlet D. Salazar

Got something for Out There?
Send us the info two weeks in advance. Our fax numbers are 897-4793 up to 94. Don't forget to include your contact numbers and addresses.

Contests

ON-THE-SPOT DRAWING. Check out the nearest Sacred Heart School in your area and join their Christmas Card Drawing contest: San Lorenzo, Makati, today at 2 p.m., call 894-2273/815-3058; Tagaytay Highlands Sept. 23, 1 p.m. (046) 413-0744; Dela Rosa Makati, Sept. 28, 2 p.m. call 810-8997; Forbes, Makati, Sept. 29, 3 p.m. call 840-5493; CAC Goodwill Bookstore, Glorietta, Makati, Sept. 30, 3 p.m. call 893-9079; Malabon Branch Oct. 6, 9 p.m. call 362-3154.

CHRISTMAS CARD DESIGN. Join the Met Museum of Manila's yearly on-the-spot Christmas design contest. This year's theme is "Baby Jesus, the Star of Christmas." The winning entry will be printed as the Met Museum's Christmas card for 2001. Entries should be on a 15x20-inch illustration board, using any of these art materials: mixed 3-D collage, crayons and/or watercolor and oil pastels. Participants should bring their own materials. Only one entry per participant is allowed. Schools can call the Met for reservations not later than **Sept. 24**. Call 523-7855 or 524-0876 for details. The contest is on Oct. 6, from 8:30 a.m. to 12 nn at the Met Museum, Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas Complex, Roxas Boulevard, Manila.

Announcement

Swire Properties presents
& Festival Walk

SKATERS WINNERS. Skating cousins Anna Beatrice Jose (left), Samantha Uy (2nd from left) and Angela Uy (right) were among the top medallists during Skate Asia 2001 held in City Plaza, Hong Kong. Samantha and sister Paula bagged the silver medal in the couples spotlight event. Anna won silver in the dramatic solo spotlight and two bronze medals for her other skating events. Anna, Samantha and Angela are members of the SM Southmall Skating Team which also received a special citation and trophy for skating excellence.

Workshops

PHOTOGRAPHY. Do you like taking photos? Join noted photographer Mandy Navasero's weekend workshops. Today and tomorrow, she will hold sessions on Product and Food photography at the Garden House, No. 1 Escolastica St. corner Roxas Boulevard, Pasay City. Interested parties may inquire at Mandy's Studio at 1935 Dominga St. near Sen. Gil Puyat Ave., Pasay City or call up 522-1901 and 522-1905. You may also send an e-mail to: mn_photocom@i-manila.com.ph.

SCIENCE CAMP. The Philippine Society of Youth Science Clubs Inc. will be conducting the 6th National Children's Science Interactive Workshop. It will be held on Oct. 23-27 at Leyte Park Resort, Tacloban, Leyte. This year's theme is "The Earth: 75% Water, 100% Life!" This five-day science camp to be attended by 500 elementary students will showcase workshops, hands-on experimentation, games and other fun-filled activities designed to promote deeper appreciation for water ecosystems among elementary students. This activity will also include exposure trips on the historic and scenic spots of Leyte. For more info call up PSYSC at 920-8174 or 920-9561.

5 & UP CLUB. Come and participate in the 5 and Up Club's Kiddie Workshops on ventriloquism and book illustration on Sept. 29, at 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at Museo Pambata's Resource Center and Karapatan Hall, Roxas Boulevard corner South Drive, Manila. Hurry, register now, limited slots only! Call 435-9742 to 45 and look for Catherine.

ART SESSIONS FOR FREE. Museo Pambata and Luntiang Daigdig Inc. are offering an art and painting course for free. The class is open to kids 7-12 years old and is held every Saturday at 2 p.m. Registration is required. Limited to 15 participants only. Call Dess at 523-1797 to 98.

MR. KLAYMAN. Have fun with *Kuya* Mar as he teaches you how to create animal designs and many others using colorful clay. The workshop is held every Thursdays at 10 a.m. at Museo Pambata's Resource Center.

Play

EL FILI. Gantimpala Theater stages Jose Rizal's "El Filibusterismo" at the AFP Theater, Camp Aguinaldo, Edsa today and tomorrow, and at the Jaime Cardinal Sin Auditorium, Paco, Manila on Sept. 29-30. All performances at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. "El Filibusterismo" star Allan Paule, Kristine Arnaldo, Jojit Lorenzo, Perry Dizon and Bodjie Pascua. For details call up 899-5745, 896-3503 or 897-1533 and 895-8314. Send e-mail to gantimpala@pacific.net.ph or visit their website www.geocities.com/gantimpala.

Show

BULILIT SA LIKOD NG TABING. Witness the JKW kiddie club members as they perform a comedy theatrical production. To be presented by the LRC Group of Stores, "Bulilit sa Likod ng Tabing" is scheduled on Sept. 29, 12 nn at Sta. Lucia East Grand Mall Phase 3, Basement Stage Area. Don't miss it!

Exhibit

INK WORKS AT THE MET. In celebration of Ang Ilustrador ng Kabataan's 10th year anniversary, the Metropolitan Museum of Manila will feature published and unpublished works of selected members of Ang Ink. You can catch their works until Oct. 6 at the Met Museum, Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas Complex, Roxas Boulevard, Manila. It is open from Mondays through Saturdays, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. For info call 523-7855.

HANDS-ON EXHIBIT. Weave colorful mats, shape pots with your own hands, listen to grandma's sweet lullabies, and have fun rediscovering the beauty of Filipino culture in "Iba't-ibang Kamay, Iisang Buhay…Filipino!" a Museo Pambata traveling exhibit sponsored by NCCA. You can catch the exhibit until Sept. 30 at the Museo Pambata, Roxas Boulevard corner South Drive, Manila. For info call up 523-1797 to 98.

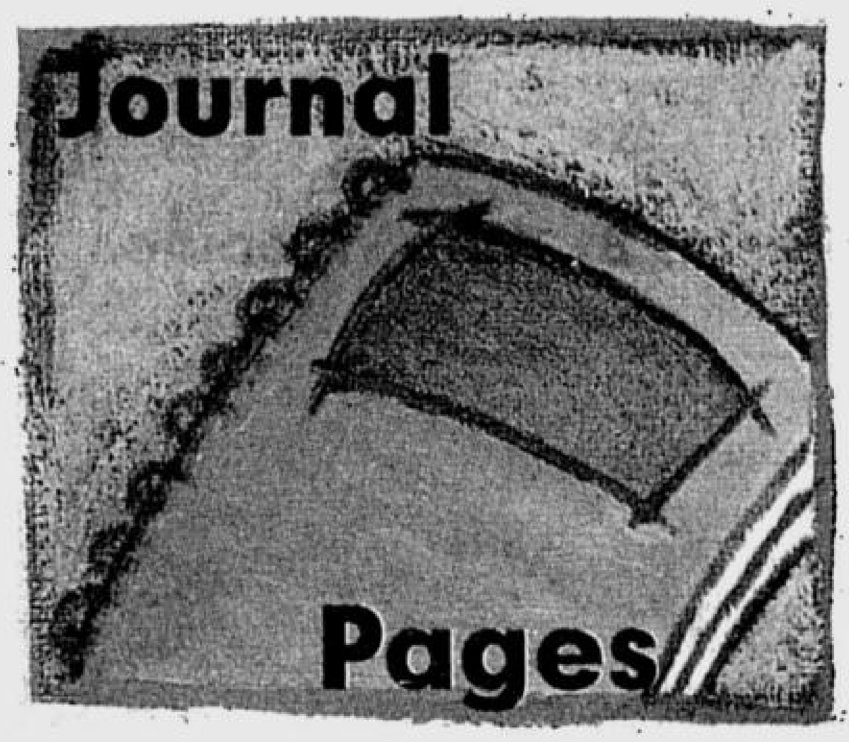
Cable Picks

COOL SHOWS ON NGC. Remember Keiko? The star of the movie "Free Willy" is featured on NGC's "Killer Whales" where it exhibits extraordinary intelligence, cunning and family loyalty. That's tonight at 7 on National Geographic Channel.

Wanna go to Africa? Journey through Sahara, the world's largest desert, on "Desert Odyssey" Sept. 24 at 10 p.m.

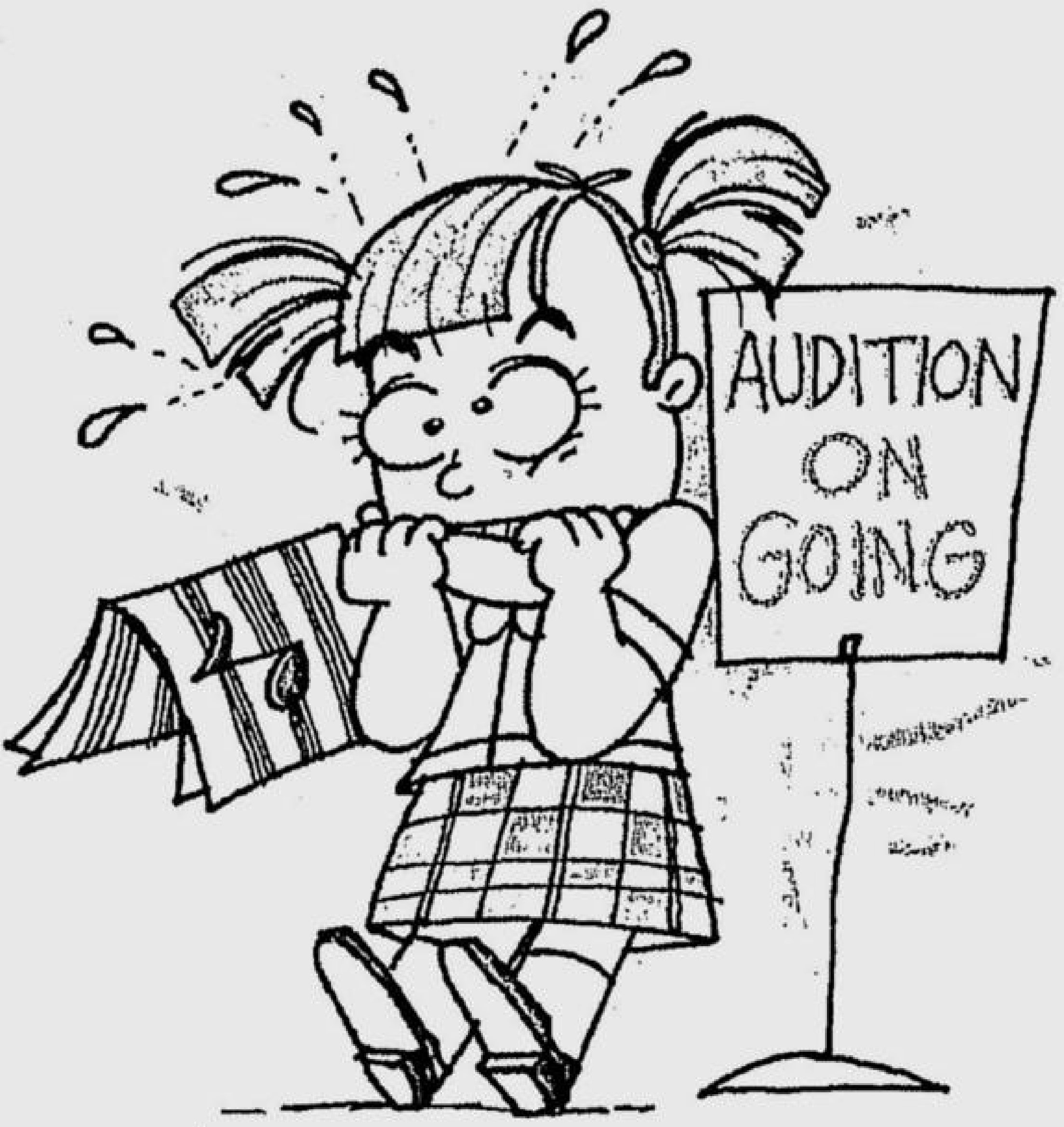
AND ON ANIMAL PLANET... Get to know the man who isn't afraid to "mingle" with bears. In "Lynn Rogers: The man who walks with bears" get an intimate portrait of a man who has dedicated his life to dispelling the myths and unfounded fears about one of our most misunderstood animals—bears. That's on Sept. 24 at 9 p.m.

LYNN ROGERS relaxes with a bear.



Audition Jitters

By Marie Nicole Han Magalong
St. Theresa's College
Quezon City



NOW, I am a choir member! But I will tell you what happened before I became one.

I've always wanted to join a choir. But of course, you have to audition for it. In our school, audition days were from June 3 to July 13 every lunch break. I would finish eating at our cafeteria and then I would rush to the music room. But, lots of other students always arrived before me.

I kept thinking, "All of these people would watch me sing in front of them." So, I always backed out because of nervousness and fright.

When I came home from school again without auditioning, my mom said, "It is normal to be nervous. But you should just audition if you really want to get in the choir. You have lots to gain and nothing to lose."

She continued, "If you are not chosen to be a member, you just have to accept it. You may anyway try again next time."

I was touched by what my mom said. I was, of course, very nervous. But I did my best. And I did it! That's why I am, now, a choir member!

Sound Familiar?
Write down your thoughts now and send them to JI. Who knows, you might just get published!

Straight from JI Readers

You can now reach us via e-mail! Our address is **jl@inquirer.com.ph** Don't forget to include your complete name, age, snail mail address and your phone number. Hope to hear from you soon!

Harry Potter and Anime

DEAR Editor,

Watching anime and reading Harry Potter books is how I define fun. It's entertaining and it teaches us a lot of things. "Fushigi Yugi," "Samurai X," "Sakura Wars," etc. these anime tell us about the importance of love, friendship and having peace. Cooking Master Boy teaches us that we must not give up our dreams and ambitions. Just like Mao, he tried his best to improve his cooking skills in order to have answers about his mother.

Going back to Harry Potter. It is about an ordinary boy, who is trying to solve unanswered questions about his life and family. I also think that anyone in his place would do the same thing—I mean, who wouldn't want to know about their own life, right?

Harry Potter and anime makes a lot of people happy, but to some, it is demonic. If these were really demonic, then the Catholic Church should have banned it. If you don't like them, then don't watch or read them. If people ban anime and Harry Potter because of the unending complaints and the opinion of others, then what about us? We also have a different kind of opinion, and we have the right to be happy and entertained.—**HANNAH MARIA D. ALBERT**, 13, Colegio de San Agustin

MY RIGHT ToBe HAPPY
Steph

Junior Inquirer

Natasha Vizcarra
Editor
Lynett A. Villariba
Design Consultant
Christine C. Rivero
Writer
Marlet D. Salazar
Editorial Assistant
Stephanie Bravo
Artist
Ernie Sambo
Graphics Designer
Genie Lagman
Image Setter
Kenny Nuyda
Advertising Sales Manager

Junior Inquirer (JI) welcomes your views, suggestions, essays, short stories and poems. All contributions must be typewritten double-spaced on short bond paper. Contributions without a self-addressed, stamped envelope will not be returned.

Please send your letters & contributions to:
the Junior Inquirer Editor,
Philippine Daily Inquirer,
P.O. Box 2353,
Makati Central Post Office,
1263 Makati City,
Philippines

OCEANIC POETRY BY GINA VERDOLAGA

THE OCTOPUS DREAM

If I were an octopus with eight hands,

I would wash my face
Brush my teeth
Comb my hair
Put on my clothes
Lace up my shoes
Make my bed
Make a sandwich
Hug my mom

All at the same time!

I bet I wouldn't be late for school.

But I'm luckier than an octopus, because
His face is always wet
He has a bald head
He can't smile a toothy grin
He swims around naked
He doesn't have feet
He doesn't have a bed
He can't eat a sandwich
He can't find his mom

But if he ever does...

He can hug her so very tight,

And he still wouldn't be late for school!

CRAZY CREATURES

(Read in 4/4 time *allegretto*)

Dogfish, Porkfish
Angelfish, Toadfish,
Frogfish, Swordfish
Blowfish, delish!

Zebrafish, Flatfish
Stonefish, Sunfish,
Lanternfish, Jellyfish
A starfish to wish.

Sting Rays, Manta Rays
Sea Cows ,Sea Lions,
Algae and Anemone
Talking on the telephone.

Oysters, Octopuses
Shrimps, Squids ,Corals, Crabs,
Beware the evil Barracuda
Have a swim? Thanks, don't wanna!

***Gina** is a full-time graduate student of creative writing at the University of the F*
elevator with the actor who plays Capt. Jea
***Jason** is a prolific visual artist. He works in a*

ILLUSTRATIONS BY JASON MOSS

hilippines in Quezon City. She loves Star Wars, Star Trek and has been in an
n Luc Picard of the Starship Enterprise.
studio that is full of really interesting books.

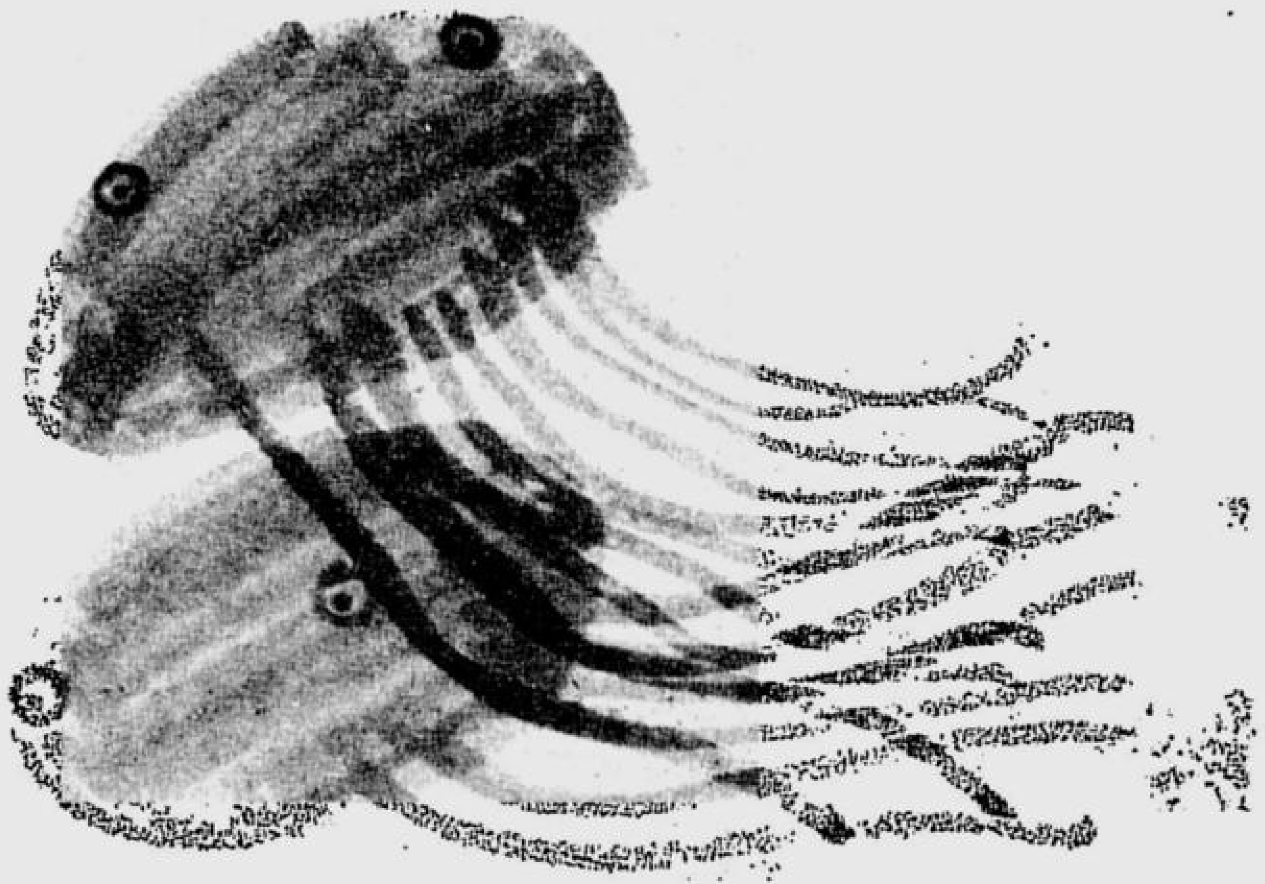
an itty bitty seesaw

SAMUEL the SEAHORSE

Samuel the seahorse
Does not care to smile
He swims across the salty sea,
Serious all the while.

He moves up, he moves down
An itty-bitty seesaw
Enough to make the other fish
Laugh and go, hee-haw!

Maybe Samuel would smile
If he ever became a real horse—
Till that day comes, he will not smile
For he is not a real horse. . .of course!



JELLYFISH

Crystal mushrooms in the murky mist
Pulsating and waving its wispy wands,
Floating gracefully in a dream of bliss
Trailing tentacles in the shifting sands.

Jewel umbrellas swirling and sparkling
Dizzily turning 'round and 'round,
Up and down in a dainty dance
Laughing, sighing with nary a sound.

He + ART = HeART

Omar is a talented kid with an A-OK attitude

BY **CHRISTINE C. RIVER**

OMAR has been drawing ever since he was little. "Sometimes on the walls or on the floor," he admits with a small grin. "They were just scribbles and shapes. . .I drew with anything I could find that would write."

"That's why," Omar adds, his grin growing a bit wider, "the whole house is repainted *na*."

Now that Omar Eusef Manundo is 12 years old, his house is already quite safe from his scribbles. After all, this sixth-grader at Colegio de San Agustin in Makati now has his own notebooks and sketchpad to doodle on, and he brings them with him wherever he goes.

Sir Sketch-a-Lot

"I never leave for a place without a notebook and a pen," says Omar, "so if I'm doing nothing, instead of wasting time, I just draw."

He draws while waiting for his dad to fetch him at school and during the breaks between classes. Once, a seatmate showed Omar some art from an anime series and he says it made him think, "Hey, why not draw something like that?" He then drew his schoolmates as anime characters having a conversation in the corridor.

Mind you, though, Omar isn't a big anime fan. "I just like the shows that aren't too violent but aren't too cute *naman*," he says.

Omar prefers watching adventure series, especially ones with sweeping scenes of exotic landscapes. He's a nature-lover, you see, and Omar is in fact his family's self-appointed gardener. "I'm the one with the green thumb," he says proudly.

To his heart's content

Scenes from nature inspire most of his drawings but Omar, who wants to be an architect someday, also likes designing buildings and houses. One of his works that really impressed us was a sketch of a castle.

"It's from the Hearst Castle in the States," Omar explained, describing how he once saw a picture of the castle built by a very wealthy American named Walter Hearst. We observed, though, that Omar didn't just copy the look of that castle. He says, later, he saw designs of other castles and added some of those features to the one he already drew. In the end what he had was an amazing structure finely detailed from the glass on the hundred or so window panes to the tall spires that seemed to float in midair.

Almost anything, though, will make Omar want to draw—a TV commercial, a great view, a wild classmate. Even a lesson in school.

Omar confesses that he draws even during his classes but, he points out, "still about the topic so it won't be so bad."

"For example," he says, "in Health, if we are studying the parts of the body, the heart, I'll draw a real heart." Yep, the sort with arteries and veins and all, not the kind with a cutesy feathered arrow.

Although he hasn't won too many contests with his drawings, Omar says contests aren't the reason why he draws anyway. Says Omar, "(Drawing) is one of the best things I can do that makes me happy."

If you think about it, that's really all the reason anyone needs.

THE DOODLER. no surface is safe from Omar's hyper-doodling hand.

BETOY JOHNSON

R RRIFIC

'Rrific kids are smart
'Rrific kids are fun
Some aren't in the honors list
But get their homework done

Somehow the world's
a better place
I know this much is true
Hey 'Rrific kid!
We know you're there
We love you 'cause you're you!

Kids'r'rrific

If you think you're `Rriffic' or know someone who is, fill out the nomination form below and send it to:

Junior Inquirer
'KIDS'R'RRIFIC' Page
Phil. Daily Inquirer, Chino Roces cor.
Yague & Mascardo Sts.
1231 Makati City

Chosen nominees will be featured on this page and will get a free **Junior Inquirer T-shirt!**

Kids'r'rrific
nomination form

I nominate: ______________________

Age: ________

I think she's/he's 'Rrific because:
(Here's a tip! Write a detailed description of a good deed, project or accomplishment by your nominee.)

____
____
____
____
____
____
____
____

She/he lives at
____
____
____

and studies at
____

Her/his contact number is:
____

Sender's Name:
____

Sender's Age & School:
______, ______________________

Sender's Address:
____
____

Sender's Contact No.
____

Biker

Brr-brr-brrrrr-Bro

He's rough. He's tough. He's a motorbike buff.

THEY should be in bed but, instead, the Villanueva siblings, Sam and Val are playing a wild chase and tickle game with their 22-year-old brother Romney.

"Mom gets mad because we make a big mess of the bed," says 11-year-old Val, short for Grace Valerie.

"She scolds me because she says I'm already so big and yet I'm still jumping on the bed," chortles Romney. Romney, who sports a bristly goatee, doesn't look like the sort of guy who still jumps on beds and plays pillow-in-armpit games (Sam doesn't want us to say exactly what that is) with his kid sisters.

He looks more like the sort of gruff dude who'd cruise down the streets on, say, a mean-looking motorbike. Well, what do you know, he DOES cruise on a mean bike though Val and their 7-year-old sister Samantha know Romney isn't nearly as gruff as he looks.

"When I was a kid, we didn't have a car," says Romney, "only motorbikes." Their dad was a member of a bike club at the time and Romney remembers hanging out with their dad's *barkada* in their garage. "I grew up in the garage," he chuckles.

"I would always ask, 'What's this part? How does it work? Where do you put it?' That's how I learned (about engines)," Romney explains. It fascinated him how all these machines could be taken apart, then made to work like new when they were put together again. The only thing Romney found more exciting was the actual ride on the motorbike.

Grinning, he narrates, "I can still remember, after school, I was still in kindergarten, my dad would tell me, 'Go get your helmet.' My helmet then was just a toy, it even had an antenna. We would go around Makati or sometimes we would go to Clark (Air Base) . . . the speed, it was such a rush."

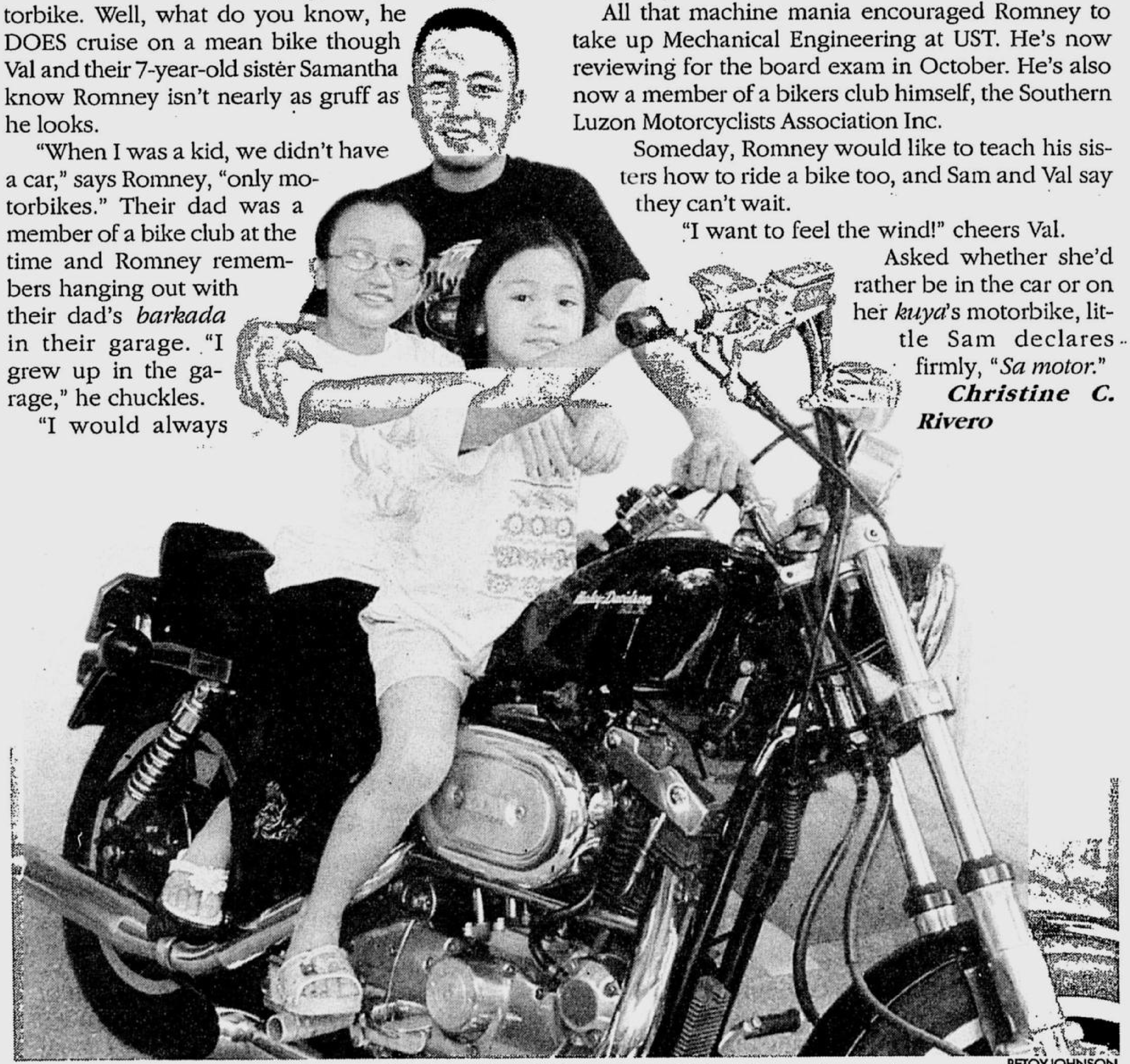
All that machine mania encouraged Romney to take up Mechanical Engineering at UST. He's now reviewing for the board exam in October. He's also now a member of a bikers club himself, the Southern Luzon Motorcyclists Association Inc.

Someday, Romney would like to teach his sisters how to ride a bike too, and Sam and Val say they can't wait.

"I want to feel the wind!" cheers Val.

Asked whether she'd rather be in the car or on her *kuya*'s motorbike, little Sam declares firmly, "*Sa motor.*"

Christine C. Rivero



BETOYJOHNSON

SAM AND VAL hang out at home with ther "Kuya" Romney and his shiny motorcycle.

Do you know a grown-up who

- is fun to be with
- has an exciting job
- keeps an amazing hobby
- is all of the above???

If you know a grown-up whom all kids will love, give him or her the stamp:

A.K.A. COOL

Just fill out the nomination form below and tell us why your fave grown-up is the absolute coolest. If your nominee is chosen, ***YOU'LL*** *get a free JI T-shirt! Now that's really cool.*

A.K.A. COOL
is an 'adult known as cool'
They're the folks
in our own family
Or the people
we meet in school.

I nominate ____________________.
He/She is _____ years old and is
my ______________________________.
Here are five super solid reasons why I think you should write about him/her:
1)____________________________;
2)____________________________;
3)____________________________;
4)____________________________;
and
5)____________________________.

My nominee lives at____________
______________________________.
Give him/her a call at__________
________________ or send him/her an e-mail
at__________________.
By the way, I'm______________
______________________________.
I'm _______ years old.
My address is
______________________________.
You may call me at
______________________________.

¿ThinkathoN?
By Bong Barrameda

SPORTY Vocabulary

HERE'S a quick quiz to find out your knowledge of various sports terms. In each number, pick the word or phrase which you think refers to the given definition. Ready, set, go!

1. **Boxing**: To move the head and upper body up and down and back and forth to elude punches.
   - ● roll with the punches
   - ● bob and weave
   - ● on one's bicycle

2. **Golf**: A short, low shot frequently with overspin taken near the putting green.
   - ● chip ● pitch ● blast

3. **Football**: Three goals scored by the same player in a single game.
   - ● triple ● grandslam ● hat trick

4. **Volleyball**: A deceptive variation of the spike in which the ball is not smashed with the hand but flicked over blockers by the fingertips.
   - ● dink ● baby spike ● floater

5. **Bowling**: 10 pins struck down with 2 balls in a single frame.
   - ● double ● spare ● split

6. **Baseball**: A lightly hit ball that rolls only a few feet from home plate, used as a sacrifice to advance a base runner.
   - ● sacrifice fly ● bunt ● pop-up

7. **Tennis**: When players reach a tie score of 40-40; to win, one player must score 2 points in a row.
   - ● tie-break ● deuce ● advantage

8. **Swimming**: A team event where the four swimmers perform a different stroke each: backstroke, breaststroke, butterfly, and freestyle.
   - ● medley relay
   - ● quadruple race
   - ● foursome relay

9. **Gymnastics**: A kind of handspring performed sidewise.
   - ● whip-up ● cartwheel ● roller

10. **Chess**: Any situation in which a player cannot move without playing his king in check: it results in a draw.
    - ● discovered check
    - ● zugzwang
    - ● stalemate

11. **Cycling**: Riding close behind another cyclist in order to take advantage of lessened air resistance.
    - ● drafting ● tail-gating ● tracking

12. **Basketball**: A poor shot, usually an airball.
    - ● blooper ● flubber ● brick

Answers :

1. bob and weave
2. chip
3. hat trick
4. dink
5. spare
6. bunt
7. deuce
8. medley relay
9. cartwheel
10. stalemate
11. drafting
12. brick

Ratings :

superbrain !
11 - 12

excellent !
9 - 10

good !
7 - 8

Attacks on the U.S.

(from page 3)

looking bags that don't seem to belong to anyone. Don't talk to strangers.

What can I do?

● You can help by helping others understand what has happened. Discuss the facts with your classmates and with your teacher. Ask your parents what they think.

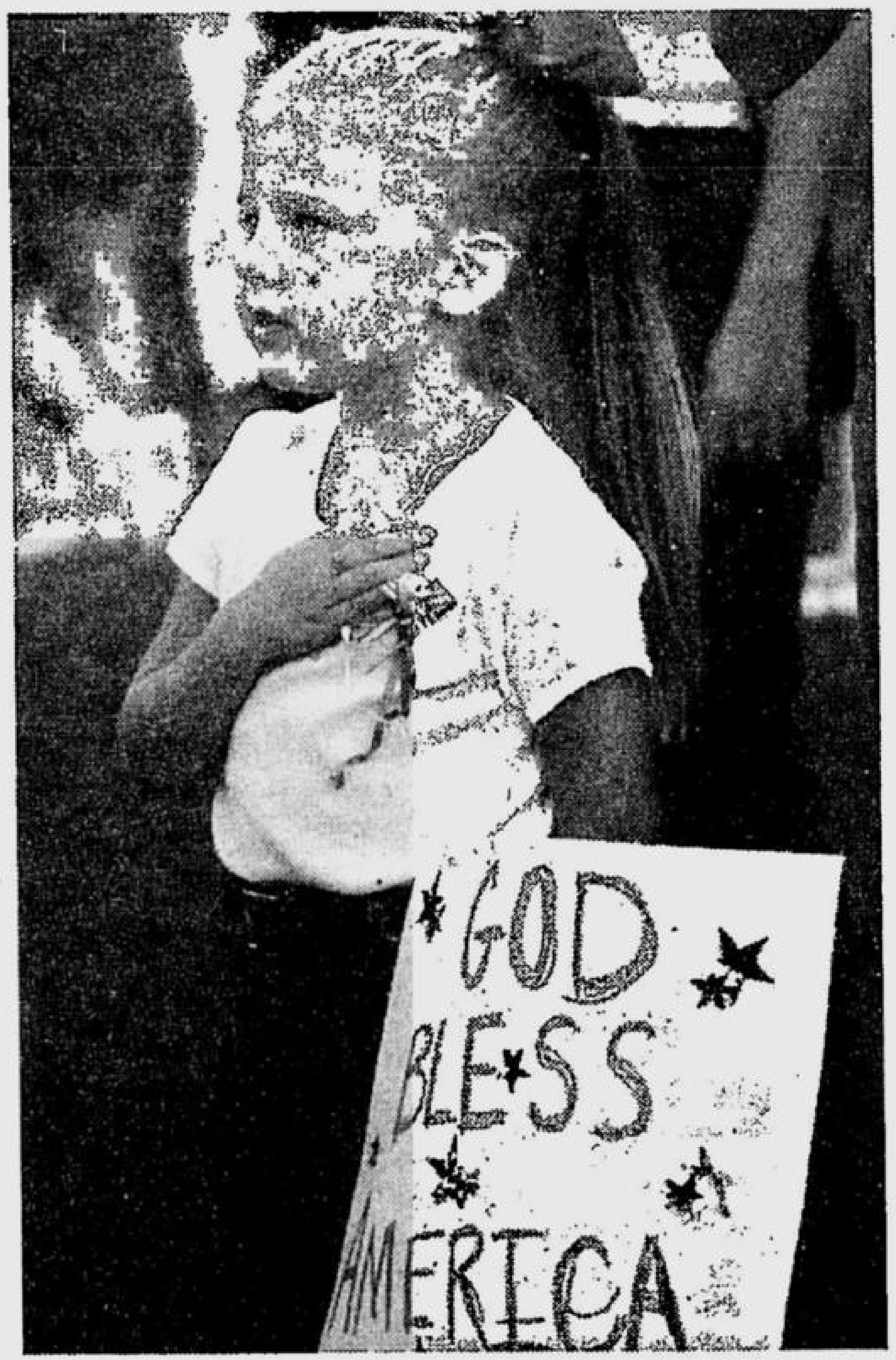
● We are Filipinos, not Americans. But many of us have relatives in the US. Help comfort friends whose loved ones live far away. Write them a note or give them a card.

● Write down your thoughts and share them with others. Put up a Manila paper at the school canteen where your classmates and schoolmates can write down what is on their mind.

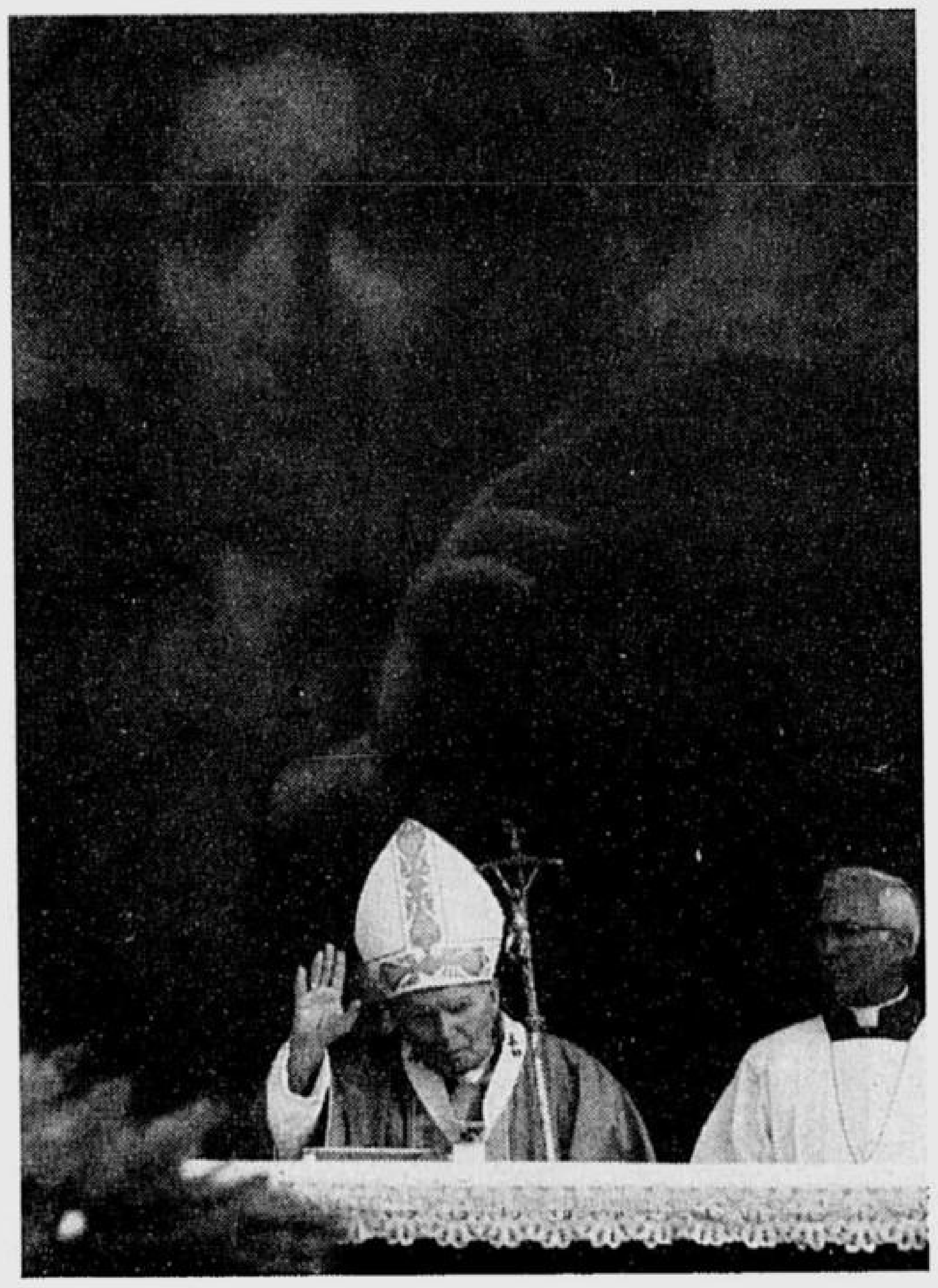
● If you have friends and classmates who are Muslims, now is the time to be a friend. In the United States, some people have misunderstood the situation and have harassed Muslims. Muslims are not responsible for what happened in New York and Washington; only a very limited group of people carried out the terrorist acts.

● Pray.

Can you think of others ways kids can make the world a better place, especially now? Write to us at ji@inquirer.com.ph



YOUNG PATRIOT. Lauren Peavy, 4, displays her patriotic spirit, at a candlelight vigil at a local lake in Tallahassee, Florida, in remembrance of terrorist attacks victims. ***AP***



THINK AND PRAY. Pope John Paul II waves to the faithful during and open-air Mass in Frosinone, near Rome, Italy. The pontiff offered his prayers to America Sunday and urged those affected by the terrorist attacks to show restraint and commit themselves to peace. ***AP***

Two Terrible Kingdoms

Iggy·Ipis
BOOK REVIEWS

I'VE got my cockroach legs on some beautifully illustrated books from the ABC Educational Development Center. The storybooks, "Flying Trash," illustrated by Pepper Roxas, and "The Kingdom with No Stories," illustrated by Yasmin Ong, are both written by Mary Ann Ordinario-Floresta. Each of these stories occurs in a place where terrible things happen.

"Flying Trash" takes place in a city very similar to Manila. Roads named the South Super Highway, the North Great Highway, Maharlika Highway and Idsa, complain of their problems: people so mindlessly and carelessly throw trash upon them, things like soiled diapers, soft drink cans and cigarette butts.

Pepper Roxas illustrates their misery well; the roads look sick and comical. The piles of trash upon them are things that Pepper has collected and made into a collage (you can do this too!)—ticket stubs, envelopes, price tags, candy wrappers—things that do make up the trash in any huge city.

"The Kingdom with No Stories" happens in an imaginary land, where a king hates stories so much. He declares that anybody telling or writing stories will be punished! All he cares about is wealth, so the people, too frightened to fight back, just work to make him rich. I don't think they were very happy.

Yasmin Ong shows a King who does look very scary, commanding, and all-powerful. The girl, Rainmari, who finds a way to disobey the king, looks very beautiful, gentle, and weak in contrast. With her bright and colorful paints, Yasmin is able to capture the drama that follows.

These two stories—one illustrated to be a comedy, and the other, a drama—caution us to be better citizens where we live. What happens when people mindlessly throw trash everywhere? What happens when people allow a tyrant to rule out stories and focus on simply getting rich? Terrible things. Funny and not so funny things. Sad things. You'll see! You will also see, thankfully, that when a person or two become brave and try to change things, good things begin to happen too.

These two books are available in all National Bookstore branches.

KINGDOM
NO
STORIES
FLYING TRASH
ANG BASURANG LUMILIPAD
WRITTEN BY
MaryAnn Ordinario-Floresta
ILLUSTRATED BY
Pepper O. Roxas
free ad space

This Computer Company is a Kid-Friendly Company

YOUNG explorer

HAVE you ever been in your mom and dad's office? What does it look like? Is it big and roomy? Or is it maze-like where you can easily get lost into smaller cubicles with nothing but computers and chairs and so many piles of paper?

Some of your parents might work in the offices like the ones described above. But there are also some offices that try their best to be as kid-friendly as they can be. One of them is IBM Philippines in Libis.

They've got a day-care center in their office so employees can bring their children to work when there is no one in the house to look after them. While the kids play in the mini-playground, there are nurses watching over them.

They also have computer called the Young Explorer for young guests to use. It comes in a special colorful casing and the keys and letters on the keyboard are bright and large. It is loaded with games and programs that teach its users about shapes, numbers, and the alphabet.

IBM also has an outreach program wherein they give away Young Explorer computers to various kindergartens and preschools so that the students can learn how to use a computer at an early age. They have donated computers all over the country like in Philippines National University-Mindanao, Baguio Central School and Museo Pambata.

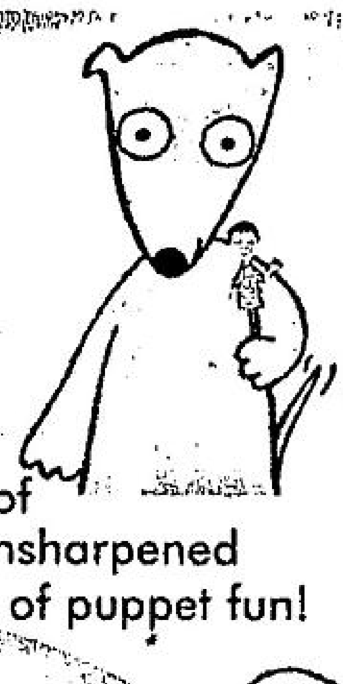
This August, IBM launched their another kid-friendly project with the Department of Education and the Resources of the Blind. It is called the First National Computer Camp for the Blind. For one whole week, blind students are going to study not just how to use the computer but also how to make their own websites

Isn't that cool? Don't you wish there were more companies who keep kids in mind? ***Mae Astrid Tobias***

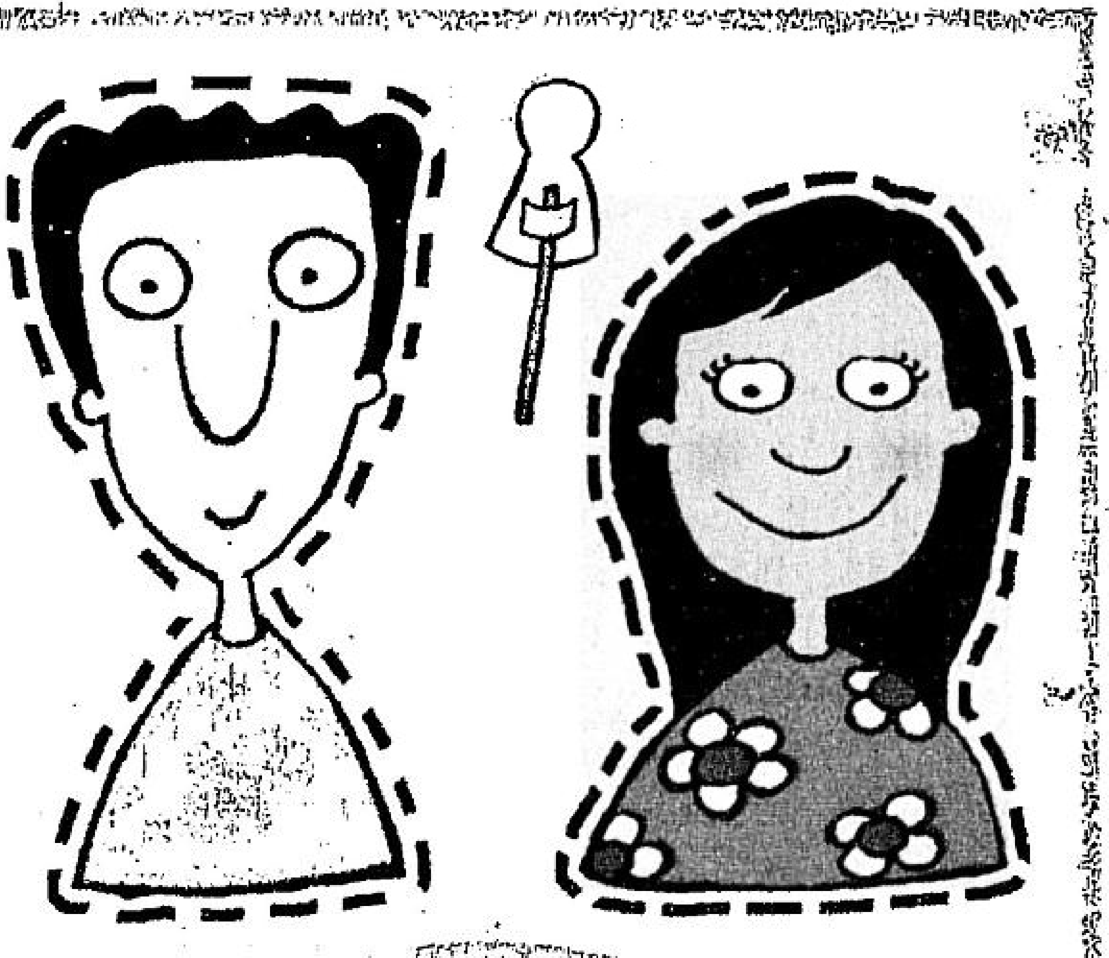
THE LUNCH BOX

by Katrina B. Villa

STICK PUPPETS from Art N. Craft



Cut along the dotted lines and paste the figure onto a piece of cardboard. Then, attach it to an unsharpened pencil, stick or straw for lots of puppet fun!

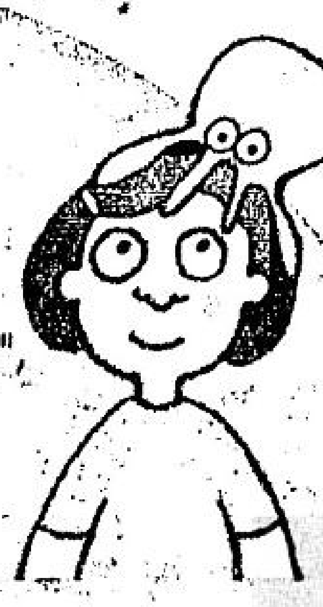


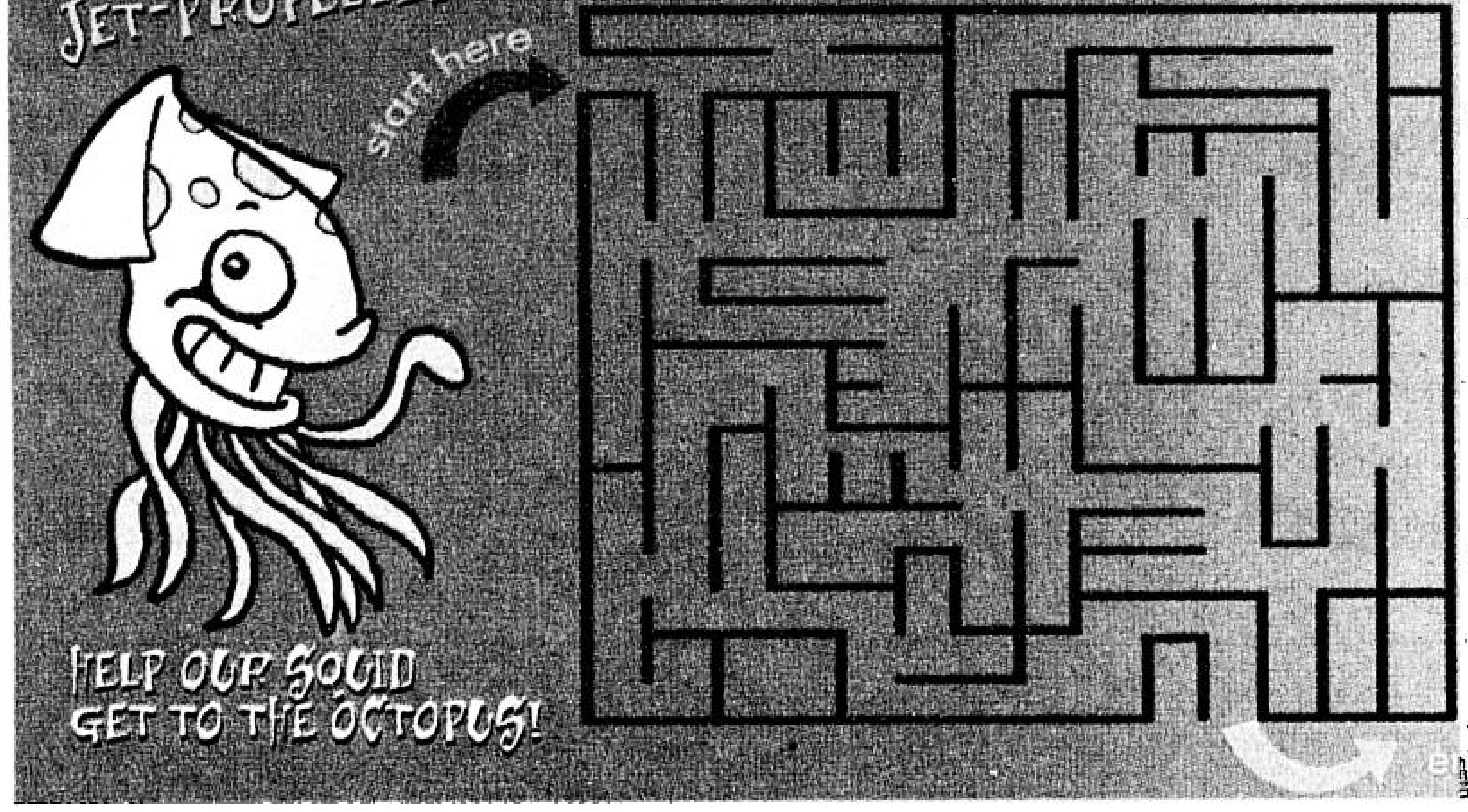
COLLECT ALL 10!

MEET THE CEPHALOPODS!

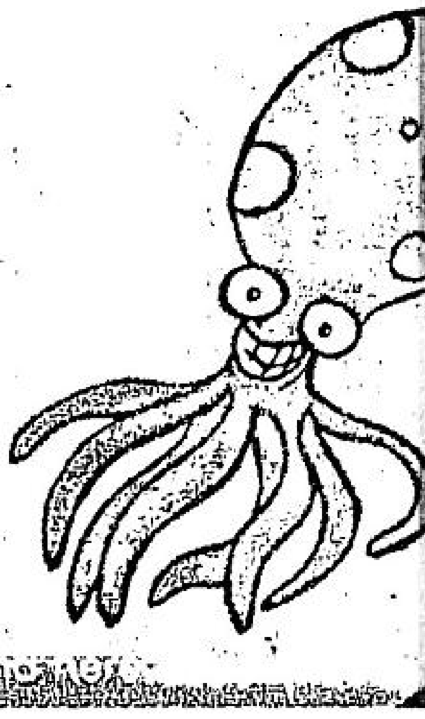
The octopus, cuttlefish, squid and nautilus all belong to the scientific classification "Cephalopoda", meaning "head foot". These animals have all these cool skills and more!

THEY CAN CHANGE COLOR, SHAPE AND TEXTURE! THEY HAVE THREE HEARTS PUMPING BLUE BLOOD! THEY'RE JET-PROPELLED!...




start here
end here

HELP OUR SQUID GET TO THE OCTOPUS!

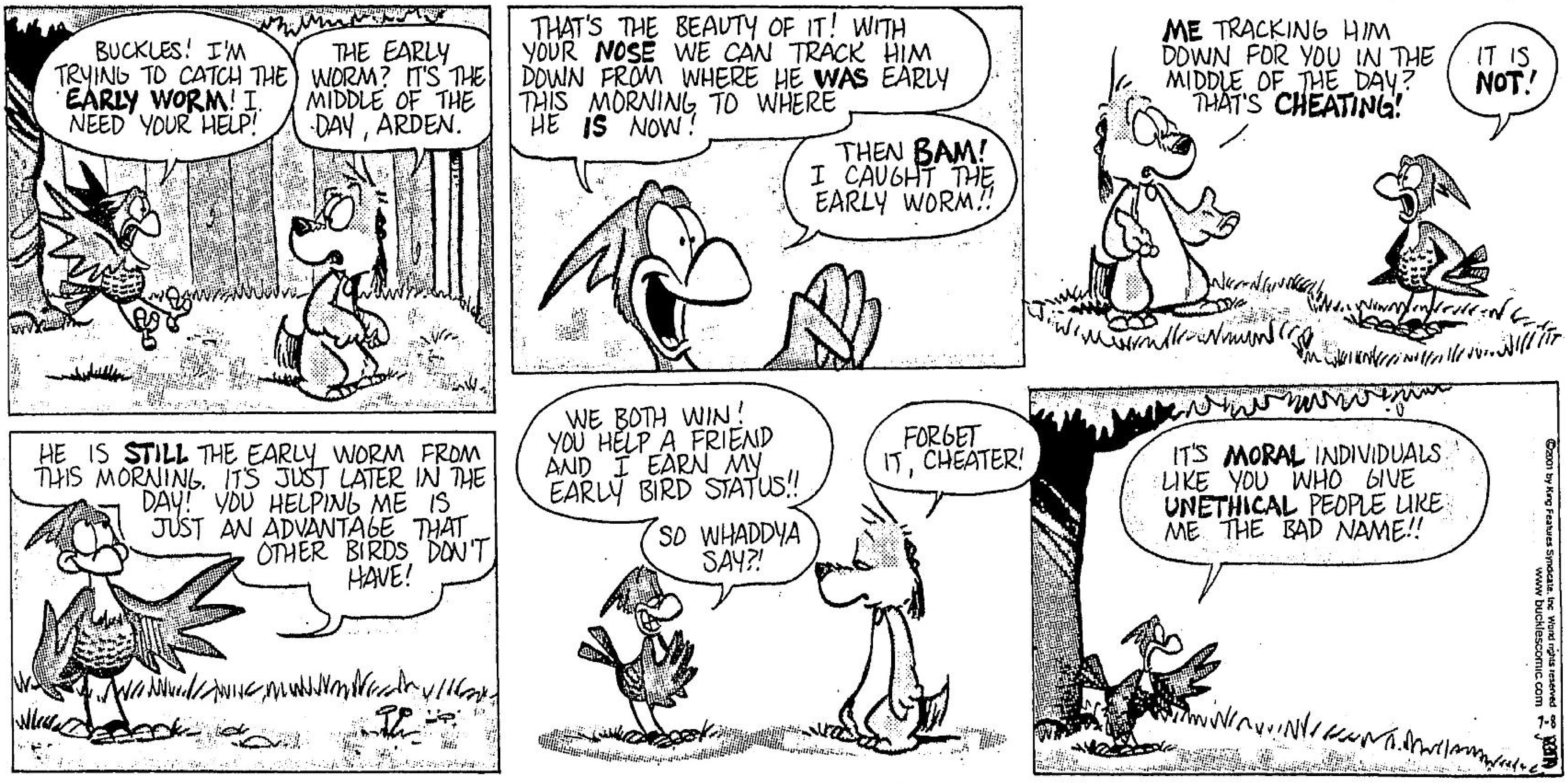


A NEW CONTEST

Coming very soon in Noy's Notebook!

BUCKLES

BY DAVID GILBERT


BUCKLES! I'M TRYING TO CATCH THE EARLY WORM! I NEED YOUR HELP!
THE EARLY WORM? IT'S THE MIDDLE OF THE DAY, ARDEN.
THAT'S THE BEAUTY OF IT! WITH YOUR NOSE WE CAN TRACK HIM DOWN FROM WHERE HE WAS EARLY THIS MORNING TO WHERE HE IS NOW!
THEN BAM! I CAUGHT THE EARLY WORM!!
ME TRACKING HIM DOWN FOR YOU IN THE MIDDLE OF THE DAY? THAT'S CHEATING!
IT IS NOT!
HE IS STILL THE EARLY WORM FROM THIS MORNING. IT'S JUST LATER IN THE DAY! YOU HELPING ME IS JUST AN ADVANTAGE THAT OTHER BIRDS DON'T HAVE!
WE BOTH WIN! YOU HELP A FRIEND AND I EARN MY EARLY BIRD STATUS!!
SO WHADDYA SAY?!
FORGET IT, CHEATER!
IT'S MORAL INDIVIDUALS LIKE YOU WHO GIVE UNETHICAL PEOPLE LIKE ME THE BAD NAME!!
7-8

©2001 by King Features Syndicate, Inc. World rights reserved
www.bucklescomic.com